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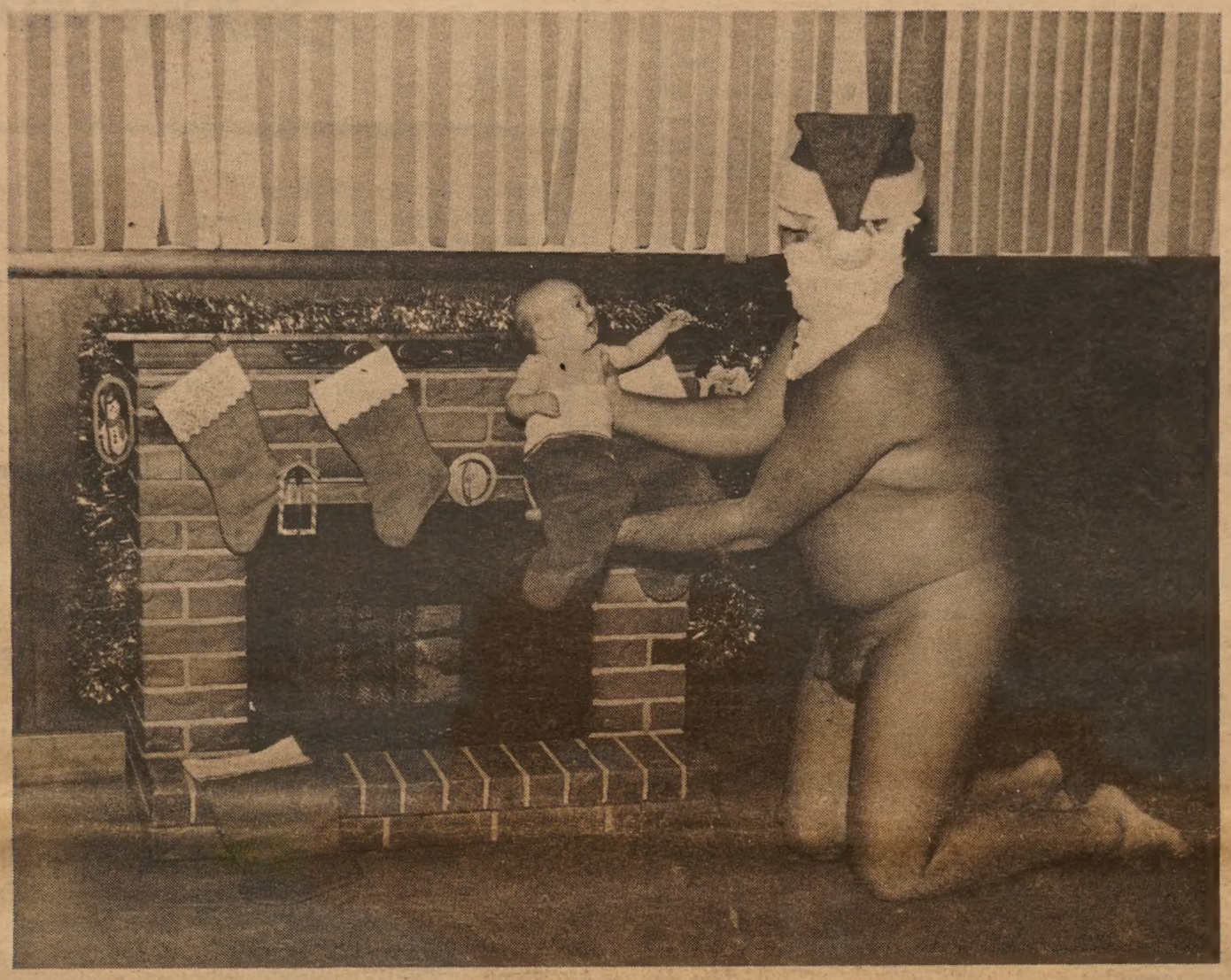

The children at Sequioans Family Nudist Park in Castro Valley, California, are getting excited about Christmas. Pictured are Kelly and Kevin who wish Christmas would hurry and arrive!

Photos by Tim Wilcox

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WE GET LETTERS

Dear BIM,

I would like to express my opinion on the Name Game (Oct. issue of BIM). Much can be said for both: Nudist and Naturist as long as we are working to achieve the same goals. My husband and I were brought up in Europe in a Nudist culture much different than here. Here there seems to be much friction between club's and the singles issue.

Our business requires us to travel to many different states, which gives us the opportunity to visit many different clubs, also we are members of two nudist clubs and two naturist clubs. We invited a couple (non-nudists friends) to visit a nudist club with us. However, our friends were reluctant to take off their clothes and were promptly asked to leave the grounds. The following weekend they visited a naturist club with us in a neighboring state. No one asked them to remove their clothes and in a very short time they felt comfortable enough to shed their clothes and join us in the pool. They are now members in good standing of that naturist club.

In our travels we pass out business cards for the two clubs. One states Nudist Club and the other states Naturist Club. One of our favorite places to leave the cards are on bulletin boards. We have noticed that the cards advertising Naturist Club stays up the longest. I suspect that the moralists out to save us all are removing the ones advertising Nudism. We leave the cards in phone booths, restrooms, lunch counters, and various other places.

I personally don't think there should be a singles issue. I believe that club membership should be based on how people conduct their selves and not on if they are married or single.

Does is really matter if we are called Nudist or Naturist? As long as we all work together to promote legitimate nudism.

Sincerely Yours,
Vada Gaustphue
Massachusetts

Dear Bares,

In Vol. 14 #10, you requested readers opinions of what we should call ourselves, Nudists, or Naturists. I offer one of our usual lengthly opinions.

Our family has participated for years in one form, or another, of social naked gatherings. If we were ever asked to describe our lifestyle, we always answered "nudists," because literally everyone knew that it meant being naked. Whatever else they may have felt it meant was their business. We still call ourselves 'nudists' because we have nothing to be ashamed of. If non-nudists equate nudism with some illicit activity, this notion is well imbedded in their minds, and would be nearly impossible to change. Furthermore, we see no need to defend our uniqueness. There simply will always be people who will never understand why we like to live naked.

To those who favor using "Naturists," because most of the other countries do so, and think that we could gain respect, and recognition, because of label compatability, we say "baloney." Respect must be earned through truth, not by foreign labels. Even in countries that use 'Naturist,' when you, as a tourist state you're a 'Nudist,' they know exactly what you mean.

Some of us like to use the term 'nudist' for shock value in describing themselves to new friends. We say 'baloney' to this also. Shocking people does not further our goals of acceptability either.

The reason non-nudists may think there is something perverted, or unstable about us, is because we have been non-political, and quiet. We have also been too secretive about ourselves for far too long. We ourselves have created our own problems.

I think how many of us have kept quiet about our lifestyle for fear of being "found-out," and scorned. Fact is, when you know something terrific, human nature makes you want to share it. Forcing yourself to keep quiet creates stress. Nudity should help relieve stress, not add to it.

Nudist, and their Clubs will become a force to be reckoned with only when we ourselves show the rest of mankind that we are unashamed of what, and who we are!

We must be willing to display to all, that we are decent, moral, members of society, and voters, as well. It's up to each of us to decide how to do this.

Our families choice is the label "Nudist," and we will look towards changing public attitude concerning this label.

Sincerely,
D. "Buck, & Yvonne R.
Hornberger, & Family

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Dear Betty,

Again I write, though I don't have much to contribute at this time. I do want to repeat that I look forward to BIM each month, in spite of the depressing news and pictures of nudism in this country. The pictures of police arresting nudists strengthens my conviction that people who enter law enforcement these days have a mean, sadistic streak and truly enjoy throwing their uniformed weight around.

What prompts this letter is the article in the November issue telling that the surfers just north of Leo Carrillo State Beach near the Los Angeles County line, were "truly offended by ... the obnoxious, old fat (naked) men."

Though I am old, but not fat -- at 5'6" I weigh an ideal 135 pounds -- I can sympathize with the surfers. FAT repulses me, whether it is being carried around by a young or an old person. But these surfers with their young, gorgeous bodies should be reminded that they, too, will some day be old and, that if they don't mend their eating habits, some of them will also be fat!

Along similar lines, I recently saw several fat men with breasts larger than many women's. (Ugh!) It doesn't seem right to me that they should be allowed to go topless while women are not. I suppose that because they are men, their breasts are not considered to arouse purient interest in observers.

I recently saw an advertisement in a magazine for a resort on the southern tip of Baja California claiming 360 days of sunshine a year, and 20 miles of deserted beach to walk on. A photo showed a suited (naturally) couple lying on the stretch of completely deserted sand. Why shouldn't they have been photographed nude, even if they had to lie face down to avoid being considered pornographic by the followers of the bigoted U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese? What an ideal location, not so very far from home, for a nudist resort! But I suppose the Mexican government would not condone it.

Nudely yours,
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THE INTERNATIONAL NUDIST

BY BARRY PLAXEN

CARIBBEAN AMENITIES

Often the choice of a Caribbean Island for a clothes optional vacation can depend on what is available on the island off-premises rather than the clothes-optional opportunities at the various resorts. The Caribbean does offer some varied possibilities for diversion and the following is a list of what there is available within proximity of resorts with nude beaches.

SCUBA DIVING

There is no question that Bonaire offers the best combination of scuba diving and a nude beach. The Runaway Bay area of Jamaica is also a possibility, but the diving is not as extensive as on Bonaire.

SHOPPING

St. Maarten/St. Martin, the half-French/half-Dutch island offers the best shopping. The French side has the usual items suggestive of France such as perfumes, but the Dutch side offers an enormous variety of items from liquor to china because it is a duty-free port.

CASINOS

There are about a half dozen casinos on the Dutch side of St. Maarten. Bonaire has two casinos, one of which is called "The Barefoot Casino" in which dress is extremely casual, i.e. bare feet/t-shirts/shorts.

SIGHTSEEING

Bonaire offers a number of different things to do. There is a very large bird sanctuary with hundreds of species, original slave huts, caves with Indian inscriptions and a fascinating salt industry. Jamaica, again in the Runaway Bay area, offers two wonderful ½ day tours. First, a tour that combines tourist shopping in Ocho Rios with a climb at world famous Dunn's River Falls (swimsuit required) that should not be missed, and second, a tour of the Brimmer Plantation which is both entertaining and informative. These tours are not in proximity to Negril. Also available on Jamaica are river-rafting trips. Guadeloupe offers a trip to a volcano that was active a coupe of years ago.

RESTAURANTS

St. Martin is noted for its international variety of restaurants. They range from inexpensive for dinner (about $12) to medium-priced (about $25) to expensive ($40 and up). You can get American, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Northern Italian, Southern Italian, Creole, Antillean, Dutch and Indonesian cuisine. There are a few restaurants on Bonaire, but it is recommended to dine at your hotel in Jamaica.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment is almost nil in the Caribbean. Club Med on Guadeloupe and Hedonism II in Jamaica offer a bit of professional (by Caribbean standards) shows as do the resorts in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Do not expect Las Vegas entertainment. Discos exist on all islands, and are off-premises on St. Martin and Bonaire, on-premises on Jamaica and Guadeloupe.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER ASKS ABOUT TOPLESSNESS

by Cec Cinder

The following column appeared in a large metropolitan daily:

INQUIRING REPORTER. **How do you feel about the ordinance which prohibits topless bathing suits?**

An assistant manager. "I feel that the ordinance is a good one. Topless bathing suits are perfectly all right when actually swimming, but when they start strolling along the boardwalk and the street in short tights, it's time to call a halt."

Homemaker. "It's a foolish ordinance... They have so little time to get the beneficial rays of sunshine that they should discard their tops."

Homemaker. "The ordinance is not fair... You see, I am a sun worshipper and know that nothing is so beneficial for anyone as the healthful rays of the sun. A day on the beach does wonders for a person."

Accountant. "Okay, but the ordinance would not be necessary if some had the proper sense of proportion. All of us have to suffer because a few have no brains. Those with the most impossible figures are the ones who generally stroll on a beach with the shortest tights."

Factory worker. "There should be some modifications to the ordinance. On the beach and in the water, I feel that a topless bathing suit is perfectly all right. However, on the boardwalk they should cover up."

Now that some appear on the beach in their bottoms alone, what is your opinion of the average physique?

Homemaker. "The average physique is not a thing of beauty. It doesn't seem fair to some."

A manager. "The majority are very disappointing. They should continue their exercises after they leave college, and avoid drinking too much liquor. A fine physique is something to be proud of and there is no reason why one can't have a perfect figure at 60."

Femal clerk. "It is not what it should be. On a busy day at the beach you can count the number of well proportioned physiques on the fingers of your hands. Of course, it's all due to the lack of proper exercise. How many of you who read this get the exercise you need?"

This column appeared in the New York -Daily News on August 26, 1935. Of course they were talking about male toplessness.

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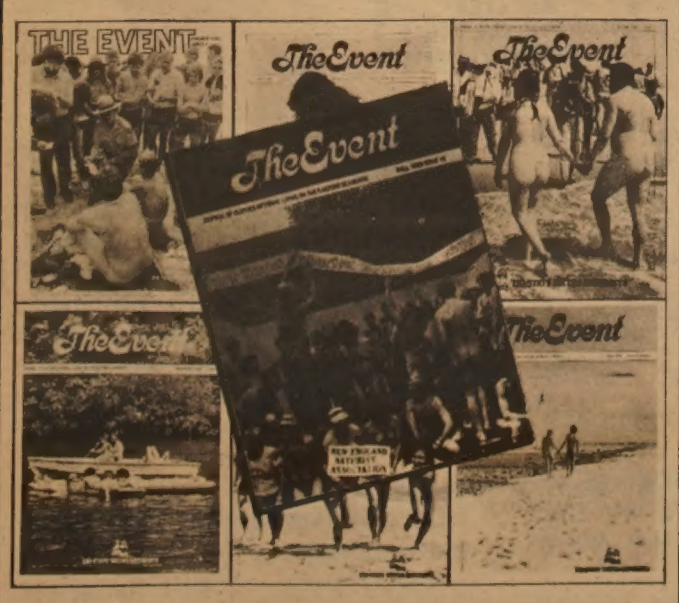

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The clubhouse is progressing by leaps and bounds! The drywall is nearly complete as of this writing, and will be finished before the first of December. The community kitchen is completely painted and the highest parts of the great room sprayed. The spray painting was a real learning experience for Bob and Ken. They looked like a pair of ghosts by the time the ceiling was done! Next, they'll turn electrician and install the heaters and lights. Each step seems to be making the place look more like a clubhouse!

Our October trail hike cleared a lot of deadfall off the trails and improved the color-coded blazes. It also proved that you could get to the end of the trails with our four-wheel tractor! The party scheduled for Halloween was canceled as a result of the drywall crew working, but Timber Trails sent a delegation, costumed of course, to our local "Community Association" Halloween party and had a lot of fun while engendering some good P.R.

December 14th is the date of our Tree Trim and Cookie Sampling, which will bring a bunch of members up-to-date on the clubhouse progress as well as satisfying many a "sweet tooth."

The Timber Trails spirit is usually up-beat. Freddy reminded us the other day, "Gee, it's only five months till warm weather again!"

RESORT

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Plan to come out and share a warm Christmas celebration with the Sequoians. The family party will be held on the afternoon of December 14th. We will have gift exchange, Santa Claus will appear, and all make merry with yummy holiday goodies and Christmas cheer. Of course, the hot tub will be heated and full of good cheery people.

Our Halloween bask was a tremendous success once again. Our new DJ's Brian and his brother, first visited us last July at our National Nude Weekend Open House. They did a stupendous job and kept everyone old enough to walk dancing the night away. Everyone was elated in having the opportunity to get souvenir photos of their costumed finery by Tim Wilcox, recent winner of the Rick Athearn award for the best 1985-86 ASA Bulletin photograph.

EDITORS NOTE: BIM would also like to congratulate Tim for his award. And thank him for his wonderful photos he has sent BIM.

LAKESUN CLUB
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Summer has come and gone all too fast and the sad task of closing camp for the winter has been completed. It is quiet again at camp. The parent loons have joined the Canadian Geese overhead for the trip to their wintering grounds in the south. The woods have turned colors around the lake and the young loon is swimming forlornly on the water. Seeing him trying out his wings we are sure he will make it south also. Slowly but surely "Old Man Winter" is approaching. With the parting of the last Lakesun member the partridges are moving into camp. Only memories of summer are left. The "Tug of War" contest, captured in the photo by Stewart was one of the highlights this summer.

Arriving at our winterhome in the south we received a parcel from Dave and Diane, one of our Lakesun enthusiasts. A big pack of Lakesun brochures, calendars for 1987 and a stack of BIM subscription sheets. We were just here a couple of days when our October BIM arrived and already we had to cut out the BIM address for a young family, now we have lots of subscription forms in 8X12 inch sheets showing loud and clear the address of an excellent and informative nudist newspaper. We would like to thank BIM for helping us by publishing reports about our little club and in return we are helping them to increase their circulation.

Hans, Maria, Rosemarie

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Summer is over, the kids are back in school. It's time to look back on what a great summer we all enjoyed. It's time to thank the people who helped to make it so great. We all owe a big "thanks" to our Sun Island Council. I hope everyone knows how much these dedicated folks do to make all our social events happen.

Labor Day weekend was a good example of what the Council does for us all. If you weren't here you missed one of the most memorable weekends ever.

Next a big heartfelt thank you to every person who comes through our gate. You come here because you enjoy the friendly family nudist atmosphere -- thus you create that atmosphere.

Has everyone heard about the Stanley Siegel Show. He's a new T.V. personality who does an hour-long, Donahue type, talk show on Channel 51. He asked us to be part of a show on nudism.

Thanks to a great effort by some very special people, the show was a big success for nudism and the Swallows.

We are now working on a video tape featuring this show plus a mini-tour of the club. This tape will be available to all guests and members. Once you show this tape to your family and friends, they will more fully understand your decision to embrace a nudist lifestyle.

Now let's get ready for a great fall and winter season. Plan to attend all the dances.

John Wolf

SANROBLES
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Here is the chance for all of you to practice what you preach. Stand up and be counted. Remember, if we do not stand up for our rights and let people know that we exist, we will lose those rights that we have so laboriously won.

Sanrobles, in conjunction with the ASA/WSA, is trying to put together a progressive road trip to culminate at the Swallows Resort for the WSA Convention next year.

There will be two trails leading to the convention, one from Colorado and one from B.C., Canada. All we are asking you to do is to join up with one of the caravans along the way. The purpose of the movement is to meet with others, like ourselves, so that when we meet again it will not be as strangers, but as friends.

But there is a second reason to all this madness and that is to let non-nudists meet and see us. To let them see that we are people too!

We are hoping to see all of you along the way next year. Nudists Across America will begin their journey on July 30, 1987.

Here's hoping to see each and everyone of you there.

Bill Byington

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On a dark, eerie, October night, the Bares gathered for mutual protection from the dark, Halloween forces. The only trouble was that the dark forces turned out to all be us! From Elvira and Zorro to a vampire and his victim, from a cowboy in a g-string to an alien couple, the RMB members made this a Halloween to remember.

This party was billed as a "Fantasy Near Nude Ball," and I am wondering about some of your fantasies! Most everyone came in costume and were as near nude as possible. The dirty old man was the exception. He was covered from tip to toe most of the evening so nobody knew who he was. You can imagine the whispers and wrong guesses throughout the evening. He was quite the subject of conversation. We should have known who he was the minute we (women only) got our hugs, but Molly was the only one to guess and stick to her guns. George was in Seventh Heaven, he had everyone going! The evening came to a stand still when the nurse walked through the door in his garter belt, g-string, heels, and pearls, but started again with a burst of hysterical laughter. The costumes were so good that we were peeking down the hall to get a preview of what would be next. The creativity was fantastic!!

Music was provided by Quartermoon, and eatables and bar were supplied by the Denver 8 Motel. Their bartender was thoroughly entertained by us, as were the restaurant workers who brought in the food (we never saw the same one twice, they must have been bidding on the chance to come up and look!). All-in-all, the evening was a success and will definitely be repeated next year.

Mike (Gesner) said: "Isn't it time we put on a mini camping trip?" Well, that was all that had to be said. He put the dates (August 16 & 17) in the July newsletter and the response was heart warming!

The trip attracted 16 people in nine canoes. It rained everywhere else that weekend but NOT on our stretch of the Delaware. Call it luck or whatever but God was very good to us. Our launch site was River Beach Campsites, about two miles north of Milfore, Pa. The first day's paddle took us three miles down river to Minisink Island. This island is almost always deserted, very secluded and the perfect choice for setting up camp. After we picked our site, pioneer George (Parks) from South Jersey cleared the area and made room for nine tents. Everyone pitched their tents and then RELAXED for one entire weekend. If ever there was an EDEN, this was it! The congeniality was beautiful. We shared stoves and fireplaces and yes, wine too.

We packed up late Sunday afternoon and completed our trip down to Dingman's Ferry. Those who had the luxury of time, went out and topped off the weekend with a light supper. On the way home, it rained on us but so what! We were very DRY and so was all our gear.

One very big plus of the weekend was the privilege of having Mike and Helen Merusi along. This naturist couple lives in the Milford, Pa. area and works for Kittatinny Canoes - they really know the river. This was TSMN's maiden voyage for overnight canuding. It may have been a first but it definitely won't be the last.

Maynard & Carol DeJong

If you would like your club mentioned in BIM please sent club news by the 15th of the month.

FLASHBACK

BY JOHN OF MC CONVILLE

1,700 YEARS AGO

A youthful Christian Church listed unacceptable beliefs. High on the list of forbidden heresies (forbidden beliefs) was "Gnosticism" ... the belief that the only way that a person could be saved was by having "pure knowledge" from the soul. Anything not of the soul was corruptible and thus liable to lead a person away from salvation. One of the leading theologians of the day had himself castrated since he believed his body to be corrupt, and feared it would lead his soul to damnation. Excesses like this made it evident that Gnosticism was not the correct way. Although the Church disclaimed Gnosticism, it persisted for several hundred years and its impact is with us even today in the persistent Christian taboo of the human body (which was effectively rejected by Father Karl in the May 1986 issue of Bare in Mind).

150 YEARS AGO

Augustus Brozzi, an Italian immigrant living in England, "discovered" the bathing suit and introduced it to English society in the interest of decency. Brozzi's garment was voluminous and covered the bather's body from chin to ankle. For some reason never explained, the garment had alternating red and white horizontal stripes, an unflattering style for stout people. Once the discomfort and the expense of the new bathing garment became known, there was great citizen resistance which, alas, was overcome by a conspiracy of government, church and industry (all pushing for mandatory use of the new bathing garment). The damage was done and the use of bathing suits prevails until today.

140 YEARS AGO

Carry Nation was born in Kentucky to a strange family which cast the mold of her personality and morality to everyone's detriment. Carrie's Mother had strange delusions of grandeur and felt that she was Queen Victoria. At times she would dress up in the Kentucky version of royal robes and crystal crown and "hold court." Carry was a shy, religious, prudish girl who held herself aloof from the innocent contacts with boys that were part of the courting process. A boarder at their home was a young man named Dr Charles Gloyd who innocently stole a kiss from Carry in a darkened hallway. Carry felt that the kiss would ruin her life, but she was receptive to her suitor and married him when she became 21. Charles Gloyd was tipsy at the wedding, and the young bride quickly learned that her new husband was an alcoholic. This established her lifelong hatred of alcohol. Clumsy romance during the honeymoon established her lifelong hatred of the human body and any carnality. These feelings grew more intense as her new husband actually drank himself to death. Later she remarried a minister named David Nation, and her new name of Carry Nation was the one that would make her internationally famous.

Starting her new life in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, Carry quickly learned that although Kansas was a prohibition state, there were numerous taverns dispensing demon rum. Carry lost no time in striding from one tavern to another demanding that they stop dispensing liquor. When they refused, Carry threw rocks and bricks through their windows. Running out of taverns to attack in Medicine Lodge, Carry shifted her attention to the much larger city of Wichita and decided to use a hatchet instead of rocks for her weapon. She also created a word "hachetated" for her use of her hatchet. Her first target was the Carey Hotel in Wichita which featured a large nude painting of Cleopatra over the bar. It took Carry two visits to wreck the bar and gave her a short jail sentance. In fact, dangerous things commenced to happen to Carry; she was cut by falling glass from windows she broke, hit with her own hatchet, and pounded with broomsticks and clubs. But her fame grew, and she initiated a lecture tour to new York and Chicago.

Carry Nation broadened the scope of her attack and invaded New York theater and music halls with scorn against bloomer-clad showgirls, calling them "Jezebells and Harlots." Carry even attended the fashionable annual New York Horse Show and cornered its patron, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who loved to surround himself with lovely ladies wearing low cut growns. Before Carry was dragged away by the police she boldly insulted Vanderbilt for his alcohol, his ladies for their "nakedness" and the entire assembly for being "diamond-studded, gold-fobbed rummies." Then Carry visited Coney Island and scolded heavily garbed bathing beauties, calling them "shameless sea witches."

Her appetite whetted, Carry Nation went abroad to England and Scotland ("where the vile stuff was made") and then returned to Canada. Her pattern was the same everywhere, and nudity and alcohol were her favorite targets. Carry Nations last raid was in Witchita, Kansas ... but her magic persisted.

Carry Nation died in 1911 at the age of 65. The Kansas Historical Society and the Women's Christian Temperance Union have created memorials to her. One can only conjecture what Carry Nation's response would be to the modern day nudist movement and to current fare on television. History must recognize that Carry Nation was a colorful and sincere person who attacked what she saw as evil, but with slight success only. Carry's effort was bound to be a product of her private unhappiness.

46 YEARS AGO

The phrase "Banned in Boston" was coined to name a trend of conservative censorship of works of art and literature. The works of author D.H. Lawrence were totally banned, and many other equally great authors fell by the wayside to the "Boston Brahmins" (as the conservative and influentual city policy makers were known). The Brahmins are at it again, and in an ambitious manner. Setting their targets again on nudity and on pornography, the Boston authorities added a third target, violence. Having secured bookstands and theaters against these three threats, a chink in coverage was attacked. The weak link in prohibition is the rental market of video tapes, some of which may contain nudity or violence. The key to pending Brahmin legislation is to ban all casettes which do not carry the Motion Picture Association of America rating. This would ban all cassettes which were not

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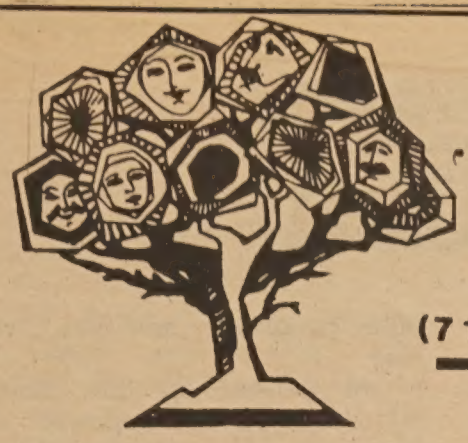

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Thank's to Wayne & Mary Thurmon for computing the tallies for the pageant and to Mona & Mell for the job well done on the pageant.

Billy Bob is really doing a great job as the lounge and bar manager. With the help of his colleagues, Summer Simmons and Don & Arlene Reed, he's creating a great and entertaining disco every Friday & Saturday night with music from all areas to please everybody of all ages. No price increases in drinks as we have to do when we have a live band. Come join us anytime and see what they have up their sleeves!

During the Octoberfest, there was a beer drinking contest (in baby bottles of course) which Jacob won; a wet t-shirt contest where all the girls that dared shared a cash prize of $50. A lingerie contest where the $50 cash prize went to Summer Simmons for the cutest; the funniest was definitely Skip Cottin, followed by Judy Bohey as Garfield. There was prizes for everyone no matter what, everyone was a winner. So come join us on any or every Friday & Saturday evening and see what's happening!! You don't have to wait until a special event.

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Best of Show -- left to right - Hazel Locke 2nd place - Neal & Jan Larson 1st Place - Darrell Walbaum 3rd place. Photo Gary Colandro

A PHOTO OF WESTERN TOWN DURING MR. & MS. NUDE RODEO PAGEANT

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Even though the weather was cold, rainy and inclement, the atmosphere was warm, entertaining and fun during our annual "Mr. & Ms. Nude Rodeo King & Queen" Pageant.

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The 1st runner's up were Becky Mair from Lake Associates in Washington and Glen Griende from Olive Dell Ranch. They were both also awarded the Mr. & Ms. Photogenic trophy which was voted on by the photographers the previous weekend.

The winners are; King Jacob Queiroga; Queen Lynda Nelson.

Photos by Rich McLean III

GLEN, JACOB, LYNDA, BECKY

1986 INF CONGRESS REPORT

BY ROLAND SENECAL

INF VICE PRESIDENT

The Bulletin
November 1986

The twentieth INF Congress was hosted by the Sportbund Sonnland Club of Freiburg, West Germany on the 19th through the 21st of September.

Twenty-one countries sent federation representatives to this congress but, once again, the expected delegate from the ASA failed to show up. With no other Americans in attendance, the author of this article had to serve double duty as delegate as well as officer. This is unfortunate as it demonstrates a lack of interest in world-wide naturism on the part of the ASA. Hopefully, this situation will be corrected in the future.

To open this congress, Sportbund Sonnland had arranged an audience in city hall of the beautiful city of Freiburg with the Burgomeister. While awaiting his appearance, we were treated to a selection of wines from the local area. The Burgomeister then welcomed us to his city and reminded us that his predecessor had been a member of Sportbund and Sonnland. Imagine an American politician making such an admission.

Later, back at the club, the business session got under way. President Alan McCombe read his brief report of INF activities during the past two years and commended the work of the Future Options Committee. He also raised some questions about the present size and structure of the INF Central Committee. A report by the First VP, Karl Dressen, and the Second VP and Treasurer, Roger Pallemans followed.

On Sunday morning, the General Assembly considered the various motions that had been properly presented to the INF. The first, a motion to amend the statutes to insure the inclusion of representatives of the two largest federations on the Central Committee, was accepted with an amendment to expand the Central Committee by one member. This would allow four openings on the CC at each congress and provide a greater opportunity for federations to be represented on the Central Committee. A separate motion, to revise the way that elections are conducted, also passed.

The Danish Federation proposed that the introduction in the INF Guide be reworded to more closely describe the function of INF members in countries where a naturist organization does not yet exist. This motion passed easily.

The Belgian Federation has been concerned that a disproportionate amount of INF finances has been dedicated to sports and youth activities at the expense of promotion. They presented three motions on this subject and much debate was kindled. In the end, most delegates felt that the amounts spent in these two important areas were not unreasonable but, that the Belgians made a good point about the need to more effectively promote naturism. The Central Committee, therefore, was instructed to intensify efforts toward the promotion of naturism during the next two years.

For the years 1987 and 1988, the cost of INF membership was fixed at .9 Swiss francs (approximately $54 U.S.) including a small amount per member which is set aside in a fund to help defray the expenses of delegates to INF congresses. North Americans, because we are so far removed -- geographically -- from the European center of INF activity, actually pays only half of the normal INF membership.

Due to the large variance in the sizes of national federations, it was further decided to establish a discounted membership rate when federations reach a certain size. The magic number was set at 25,000 members. Four federations presently exceed that number and several are approaching it. (The ASA has reported 25,026). All federations will pay 100% for the first 25,000 members but will then pay 10% less for the next 25,000 and 25% less for additional members above 50,000. It is hoped that this will encourge small and medium sized federations to stimulate membership growth and reward those federations that have done a good job of recruiting members.

Several other items were taken under advisement by the Central Committee. Creation of an official INF flag, assembling a pool of magazine articles and photos and designing a generic brochure that could be personalized by the federations for their purposes are among those subjects to be considered by the CC during the next two years.

The business meetings of the twentieth INF Congress closed late Sunday and delegates enjoyed a farewell party in the modern clubhouse of the Sportbund Sonnland Club in the evening, drawing to a close another successful congress. The site of the next congress will be chosen at a later date and will be announced later.

THE INF FUTURE OPTIONS REPORT

By Roland R. Senecal

At the 1984 INF Congress which was held at Costa Natura Resort in Spain, a committee was formed to look into the current INF Organization and the future of naturism throughout the world. Jim Christopherson, overseas secretary for the Central Counsel of British Naturism, was selected to chair the committee and was instructed to come to the 1986 INF Congress with his report. Committee members from throughout Europe, Australia and North America contributed to the final report.

The committee decided to approach this study by breaking it down into several individual subjects and consider each of the following subjects separately.

1. Club life.
2. INF as a strong, international organization.
3. Projecting a postive image of naturism.
4. Finding potential new members.
5. Naturism in new countries.
6. Public relations.
7. Financing new resources for naturism.

Club Life

Club life will always remain the solid base of organised naturism. The INF should try to preserve and strengthen the network of clubs where the naturist can find values which add to the pleasure of an overall tan. The problems forced by federations and clubs vary very much from country to country. Countries where naturism is young may face the problem of raising finance for the purchase or development of sites. Where naturism is more established, the problem may be to attract members into the clubs at all. Facilities that are offered may be of little interest to older children and teenagers and this may lead to families leaving clubs. This may result in club memberships consisting of an ever-ageing population, who may then not welcome the noise and disturbance which children and young people inevitably bring. Recruitment may thus be restricted even when clubs have the capacity to accept more members, and a ready supply of people who wish to join. There may be prejudice against particular groups, especially single people, but also on occasions against the handicapped or members of ethnic minorities.

In order to address these problems we would make the following suggestions:

1. In order to overcome prejudice within clothes society, and also to bring naturism to the attention of potential members, clubs should be discouraged from secretiveness. Clubs might be opened to the public on special days e.g., World Naturist Day.

2. Clubs should be encouraged to minimize their admission criteria and particularly not to exclude groups who may have a special need for companionship, such as single parent families. It should be possible to stress to families the safety and friendship which club life offers.

3. Clubs should provide facilities for young people where conflict will not be generated with older people. Where there are a number of clubs in an area, it may be appropriate for one or more of them to have as a policy either the provision of facilities for young people, or, conversely, to concentrate on maintaining a quiet atmosphere for those who prefer it.

4. Some clubs may wish to concentrate on attracting and keeping young families in membership, and with this in mind, may wish to borrow the French idea of the 'animateurs' who provide organized activities for children on weekends. Not only might this serve to prevent children becoming bored while at the club, and thus make them more willing to go there, but it might also greatly reduce the amount of misbehaviour caused by boredom, and the consequent complaints from older members.

5. More emphasis should be placed on the fun and joy of naturism.

A strong international organization

One of the ways to become a strong organization is to try to unite all existing naturist organizations, even where they may have conflicting interest, e.g. clubs, holiday centers, beach groups, etc., so long as they subscribe to the naturist

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TROPICAL AEROGRAMME

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Good news for the new year: nude swimming at one Philippines beach resort; and topless at another. First we hear from Henry Vink, manager of Swagman Playa Blanca Beach Resort (Currimao, Victoria, Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines): "referring to topless swimming, I wish to reply that any guest staying at Playa Blanca can swim topless -- or even topless and bottomless -- as far as I am concerned. The local fisherman might even get quite a kick out of it. In any case, quite close by there are some nice stretches of secluded beach for your enjoyment." This positive policy puts Swagman P.B. way ahead; altho it would be advisable, both for courtesy and privacy, to avoid the local fisher-folk. This resort belongs to an Australian chain in the Philippines; so you can make your reservations in Manila, at Swagman Birdwatchers Bar & Office (!), Corner A Mabini Ct. & A Flores St., Ermita (entertainement district); telex 49960, attn. Swaggy; telephone 572292. And even from Oz: Swagman Hotels & Travel, 152 Nebo Rd, Mackay 4740, Queensland; telex AA 46074 Swaggy; phone (079) 574597. Yanks may recall the jolly swagman from the "Waltzing Matilda" song; a folk-type resembling the hobo, prefiguring the back-packer. Single straight men may wish to visit the Birdwatchers Bar first, looking for a compatible Filipina "girl-friend" to take as companion/guide to the beach resort? Such relationships in the Phillippines are conducted with remarkable tact and friendliness, even an illusion of romance -- which helps everybody feel better about themselves and their partners. Indeed, many Australian men become quite fond of their girl-friends, taking them home as brides!

A more cautious welcome from Cornelio E. Balmaceda III, resident manager of up-scale Argao Beach Club (POB 771, Argao, Cebu, Philippines): (telex 22482 PTI): "With regards to your inquiry on 'topless' swimming, please be informed that the management does not have any regulations regarding this. In fact, we have some women who swim 'topless' and there were no hassles about it. Our only request is that, should you have plans of coming to our resorts in the near future, we would allow 'topless' swimming, but it must be done very discreetly." Fair enough. Foreign visitors must remember that this is still Asia, not sophisticated Europe. One must make allowances for cultural differences; for instance, "gawking" is rude in California or New Zealand, but it's normal in Asia. So a Yank visitor is entitled to harass a local gawker in New Zealand, but not in Goa nor the Philippines. (However, un-authorised photography is indeed a no-no in Asia, more than in California; so the topless or nude visitor is quite entitled to object).

NEW YEAR: Why should the whole earth, comprising so many faiths and peoples, reckon years as Anno Domini, from the (mis-dated) birth of "our Lord" Jesus? We need a truly international and transsectarian event to mark the dawn of our world era: the first Olympiad, held in 776 B.C./hence, unless I've erred in maths or Graeco-Latin (help!), 1987 A.D. would become 2763 ANNO OLYMPI. Such reckoning was used by ancient Greeks and some Romans, according to Robert Graves ("I, Claudius"). Anno Olympi would be especially fit for the modern Olympic movement: designating the up-coming Seoul Olympiad as 2764 A.O. to stress its long heritage. And it's a natural for our own movement, since the early Olympic Games were nudist events, literally "gymnastic."

None of that sporting spirit for Iran, thank you. Their team at the '86 Asian Games (also in Seoul) informed Korean hosts that only men are allowed to clean their rooms at Olympic Village.

When the "Sunday Mail" (of India) printed topless photos of two men, they got blasted by Mr. P.K. Subramanian Moorthy of Bombay: "As a father of two daughters of an impressionalbe age I find it abhorrent that you should carry photographs of a semi-nude Naseerudin Shah and that foreign musical clown Prince." My word! Imagine young ladies seeing those hairy male chests! Well, at least papa Moorthy may be glad his girls couldn't visit London when Prince sang bare-breasted. His teenage female fans threw their knickers onto the stage. "I love performing nearly naked in front of thousands of people. I feel incredibly comfortable taking my clothes off on stage," bragged the singer, 27. "I think I'm what every woman wants to see, and what every man wants to be. If it wasn't against the law, I wouldn't wear anything." Oh, really? A totally naked singer/musician/dancer would be quite legal in California; at least if juveniles (under 18) and alochol were banned from the concert-hall. Let's see Prince put his whole body where his big mouth is! Or is he more like Mr. Moorthy than either would wish to admit?

No protests were heard earlier when the same newspaper published a nude painting by Souza, described as "bold, eyecatching" (S.M., 24. VIII.86.). Indeed female nudes were revealed more nakedly than usual, lacking pubic hair.

You just cannot rely on textilists' reports (or perceptions) of "nudity" (whatever that is). They get so nervous about skin that they (unwittingly?) magnify. For instance, D. Dalal of Bombay writes to the Sunday Observer (India) (7.IX.86.), protesting "Abu Abraham's vicious and crude cartoon depicting Mrs. Thatcher with no clothes on." Does no clothes mean NO clothes? Actually the Indian cartoonist made Maggie wear a mono-kini, so she was merely topless like Prince. Apprently Dalal can't see any difference between topless and "no clothes." And in life as in art: the topless beach at Kovalam (Kerala, south India) gets known misleadingly as "the valley of the nudes." Clothists often seem incapable of speaking clearly about the relative lack of body-armour.

Yet in Kashmir, India, the Hindu pilgrims worship a natural ice "lingam" in Amarnath Cave (Times Of India, 25.VII.86.). Lingams, commonly seen in temples, represent Shiva's penis.

Body-painting, India, 12th century A.D.: in "Gita Govinda" by Jayadeva, where Radha asks her boyfriend Krishna to: "Paint a leaf on my breasts! Put colour on my cheeks!"

In southern India, "most men don't wear a shirt at home.... Dress is also dictated by religion and the demands of certain rites. A shirt is seldom worn during a religious rite in the South. In Kerala the wearing of shirts is prohibited inside the temple." Kerala women traditionally wore the mundu, with the sari becoming popular during the past four decades, (mainly since independence). "There was a time when women in some communities were 'topless' and ... in some parts of the south women belonging to certain castes were not allowed to cover their breasts." (Times Of India, 7 Sept. 86.). In Indian English, "community" is usually a euphemism for some division of society" not a town. For instance, topless could have been practiced by members of adivasi (tribal) communities, or harijan (untouchable) castes. It would be amusing to see Mr. Moorthy visiting a Hindu temple in Kerala....

BRITIAN: Research shows only 93% of tabloid-reading men look at the nude girl who traditionally appears on page three.

NEPAL: Kathmandu mums like to oil the skins of their babies and small children. Sitting on the footpath, a cigarette-vendor was teaching her freshly-oiled baby girl how to stand up, by supporting her arms. Along came a friendly calf, who sniffed the child, then gently began licking the oil from her skin. Mother smiled happily.

Have you visited the tropics? Did you look for nude or topless beaches there? What happened? What did you see or hear? Share your experiences (good and bad) with fellow naturists thru this column. Write to Tahanga, GPO Box 1197, Sydney 2001, Australia.

"Nude Asia-Pacific-Africa" directory cited 74 countries in 18 pages as of 6/86, when it was sumitted to Betty for publication in BIM. Meanwhile, if you are planning to visit the "NAPA region"(!), you can ask about specific countries. For such requests, please enclose SAE (self-addressed envelop) and five IRC (international reply coupons). Allow at least two months.

Moderation in China from an essay by Liu Zongyvan, 773-819 A.D.: "I have heard that when the ancients drank wine, some bowed and deferred to each other punctiliously; some shouted and danced in complete abandon; some stripped off their clothes to show unconventionality;... Our drinking, though, is different. It is decerous without formality, unconstrained without noise, informal without nakedness...." Dionysus yields to Apollo.

Flashback continued

produced for motion picture theater use. Banned classics would include "Gone With the Wind," "West Side Story" and "Singing in the Rain." Jane Fonda's popular workout tapes would also be banned. Films released before 1968 and most European made films lack any rating. Authorities general protest that their interest is in banning the presentation of sadistic violence, especially against women. Could be, but the trend is frightening.

18 MONTHS AGO

It was summer in the Baltic, and the sign at Palanga, Lithuania, said simply "Women's Beach." All of the locals knew that the beach was in reality a black market at a beach site and was run by nude women. Men are barred from the illicit market in foreign goods because the nude proprietors fear the police and there are few female police officers in Lithuania. As reported by Danil Koretsky in the May 15, 1985 issue of Literaturnaya Gazeta, the nude women proprietors now don't fear the police because they point out that nude policewomen have no where to hide their badges or handcuffs!

15 MONTHS AGO

On Sunday, September 8, 1985 the Arizona Wildflowers Group had an unusual event when they held a party celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Sister Club, the Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado. Founded in 1935 by John and Alice Garrison, Mountain Air was initially knows as "Colorado Sunshine Club." The current Colorado group held their 50th birthday party the prior 4th of July, and some sunfriends from Arizona were present. Colorado Sunshine held the honor of holding American Sunbathing Association (ASA) Charter No. 2 (Maryland Health Society holds No. 1). Colorado Sunshine consisted of 150 acres of really lovely mountain land which was a perfect site for a club and a large enough camp to comfortably host a large crowd of nudists at the 18th Annual Convention of the American Sunbathing Association just after World War II. This reporter remembers John and Alice Garrison well. They were dear friends and inspiring nudists. The continuation of their camp for fifty years is a high tribute to them.

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WHERE CAN A NATURIST FAMILY GO FOR FUN IN THE SURF IN AMERICA?

NATURIST POLITICS

by David Irving
The Bare Facts Sept. 1986

In a society that seems to be growing more conservative, rather than less, what can be done to advance the cause of public acceptance of nudity? A direct frontal assault, demanding our rights and our beaches, isn't likely to get much public support or to be very successful. A little guerrilla warfare, sniping around the edges, and exploiting the chinks in our society's armor, is more apt to gain us some small ground in our long struggle. The changes in society today aren't all conservative; there are some liberalizing trends in dress that we can take advantage of. By following the flow of current trends, rather than bucking them, we are more likely to have public support and more likely to make progress toward our eventual goal.

One recent trend in bathing suit and clothing fashions is toward more exposure of the buns. The various anti-nudity ordinances that have been passed in the 70s and 80s are all very explicit on this point -- exposure of the "buttocks," or, presumably, any small part of the buttocks, is prohibited by law. By this standard, most of the bathing suits being sold today (and some of the short shorts) are illegal. Yet no one is being arrested for wearing a high French cut suit that shows some cheek, because it has become publicly acceptable to expose part of your a__. On the other hand, there are reports of men at Venice Beach getting busted for showing "too much bun." Now here's an issue we can attack with some hope of getting somewhere. The law doesn't ban "too much" buttock, it bans the buttocks in its entirety. Let's find an attorney willing to help us and a few guys and gals willing to fight the issue in the courts. Send them down to Venice Beach in G-strings that show their buns and see if they can get cited (being sure the gals tops are legally covered). Be prepared to have to do this several times because when the DA finds out that you're going to fight this in the courts, he'll drop charges rather than fight you. After three or four tries in which the charges were dropped we can go to court asking for an injunction against this "harrassment" by the police. Once we get our day in court, we show up with copies of Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue and photos taken on the beaches, and on the streets, showing what's current fashion today. Then we ask the judge where's the line, how do you know how much buttock is "too much." Getting to court will be the hard part; once we're there, there's a good chance the judge will throw the "buttocks" prohibition straight out of the law on the grounds that there's just no way to draw the line once society has accepted the showing of any part of the buttocks.

A variant on this approach, suggested by Marshall Brown, is intriguing. Marshall wants to make a swimsuit that fully covers one cheek while leaving the other exposed. Since the law prohibits exposing the "buttocks" - plural, he claims his suit would be legal since he would only be exposing one "buttock." This idea is gimmicky enough to attract the interest of the press, which is what we'll need, both to help get us a day in court and to help take advantage of any favorable decisions that may get handed down.

Another area of increasing public change is the exposure of female breasts. Complete toplessness is still not publicly acceptable, but almost anything less is. Visible cleavage, lots of it, is the norm, and not just in bathing suits. Then there are the swimsuits, tops, and dresses that start to bare the breasts from the back or side. Add in the peek-a-boo holes in some fashions such as knit bikinis, or the thin t-shirts that clearly show the coloring of the aureole, and it's clear that our society is on the verge of accepting toplessness.

To exploit this tendency in court, we will have to frame the cases the way Lee Ann Turner in Minnesota or Nikki Craft on Cape Cod are doing -- as separate cases on their own apart from nude beach activity. Accent the sexual discrimination involved, not the claims of naturists. Show how current community standards are already well beyond the letter of the law. Demand that the law on covering female breasts be declared unconstitutional both on the grounds of vagueness (because no one can say exactly where the limits of public acceptance of breasts exposure are today) and on the grounds of sexual discrimination (men can take off their tops, why not women). I've often thought that the ideal way to bring a topless case would be to find a

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ALL THAT THE TRAFFIC CAN BARE

A BATHING SUIT HISTORY
Newsday
July '86
By D.J. Hill

A half-century of inequality in beach wear was bared last month when seven women peeled off their blouses in Rochester's Highland Park. They said it was time that women were given the same legal right as men to go topless in public.

They cited a precedent set on Long Island -- one that gave men, but in no way women, the right to bare their chests in state parks and beaches throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The regulation was introduced on July 17, 1936, by master planner Robert Moses, whose taste already governed the development of Long Island, if not that of its residents.

It was a case of fashion dictating law. "It was a rolling snowball, and you just couldn't stop it," said Harry Barr, 77, former Jones Beach lifeguard who lives in Queens Village. In the early 30s, it was part of his job to make sure that men kept their chests covered. In those days, the tops were zipped to the trunks, Barr recalled. "They cut away as much of the top as they could humanly do and say you had a top on."

Custom brought about law for men, one of the Rochester demonstrators, Mary Lou Schloss said, but law will have to bring about custom for women. Schloss, a 38-year-old homemaker, was in the company of other protesters with bare chests, including her 6-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter. If bare-breasted beach-going is de eigueur at Club Med and such watering spots as Cap d'Antibes and St. Tropez, it would make waves at Sunken Meadow and the West Overlook at Jones Beach.

Schloss and her cohorts, facing maximum penalties of $250 fines and 15 days in jail, are fighting not only law but also a century of disparity in men's and women's swimwear. Since women began flocking to the water in the middle of the 19th Century, they have always worn more than men. The bare fact is that men had skinny-dipped until about 1825, when women began invading the beaches.

"It was felt that on the long stretches of ocean shore, it was unsafe for women to bathe alone," explained Claudia Kidwell, a curator at the American Museum of History in Washington, D.C. The result, Mr. and Mrs. Victorian America, covered from neck to ankle, waded into the surf, gently splashing the water on their arms, necks and chests. The men wore long-sleeved, woolen shirts and trousers, the women wore mid-calf dresses over Turkish trousers. At many beaches, however, men got a break. Color-coded flags were hoisted to indicate hours during which women were banished and men could spalsh bare-bottomed in the surf.

Early in the 20th Century, as swimming became the vogue among college women and many men, splashers became serious swimmers. So,

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EQUALITY AT THE TIDE LINE

said Harold Koda of the Fashion Institute of America, their costumes became more practical; Women's skirts were shorter, men's suits briefer. But chests stayed under wraps, with long tunics decending down the legs.

World War I brought more changes. "Women with more boyish figures were in vogue," said Koda. But as suits became shorter, laws became longer. The June, 1923, issue of American City magazine cited a Cleveland law as a model for the country: "Men's suits must have a skirt effect or skirt worn outside of the trunks. The trunks must not be shorter than four inches above the knee, and the skirt must not be shorter than two inches above the bottom of the trunks."

The same law allowed women to drop stockings from their costumes but required full bloomers and blouses with elbow-length sleeves or close-fitting armholes. Or they could wear knit suits with skirts that had the same length limitations as for men. Both men and women were prohibited from wearing "any suit that exposes the chest lower than a line drawn on a level with the armpit."

By 1933, when Harry Barr became a lifeguard at Jones Beach, men's costumes had become even shorter. Necklines were low, armholes were large, and straps crisscrossed backs. The law of the Long Island State Parks required that the beach-goer be "covered with a bathing suit having both shirt and trunks properly supported with straps or other devices which must be kept in place at all times."

Men, however, were rebelling. One of Barr's first duties was to trudge the sands of West Overlook telling men to cover up. They either pulled on their tops or moved out of sight. Barr doesn't remember ever seeing anyone ticketed for chest exposure at Jones Beach, but arrests were made at more sophisticated sport such as Coney Island and Atlantic City, where 42 men were rounded up in a single day in 1935 and fined $2 each.

Al Mottola of Coney Island was there in the '30s, but he never got arrested. Mottola, the 69-year-old president of the Polar Bear club at Coney Island, said he kept his shirt on until the early 1940s. He couldn't afford to take it off. The $2 fine was a lot of money in those days, he said, "a whole week's subway fare plus lunch."

Even on the 'rural beaches of Long Island, there were men who stayed under cover.

I was one of those people who never could get accustomed to baring my chest," said 99-year-old Ted Ellis of Saint James, who wore a top until he stopped swimming in 1962 at age 75. Ellis remembered that when bare-chested men first started appearing on the beaches, not everybody cheered. "It was thought of as vulgar and a little too forward." he said. "And then we thought there were a lot of men who just wanted to show their physique. Some people would gaze away. Some people would walk away."

Ellis' 69-year-old son, Henry, a swimmer-about-town who bathed in the Hamptons, Long Beach and Lake Ronkonkoma, abandoned his top in 1929. "Out here," he said, "anything was legal."

Henry's brother, William, 71, wore a top like his father's. In July, 1936, the chest issue came to a head. That month, against local protest, the Westchester County Park Commission ruled for the status quo, requiring men to remain decently covered in parks and on beaches. Superintendent Hermann Merkel told The New York Times, "I still believe that a few things had better be left to the imagination and that the appearance of many unbeautiful manly figures would be amellorated by even the slight covering that a bathing suit top gives."

On Long Island, however, state park commissioners opted for freedom, with commission president Moses introducing the enabling motion.

The result was baggy wool boxer shorts favored by such fashion plates as Clement Burkabage, now 73, of Saint James, who doesn't understand what men are trying to prove nowadays with skintight latex trunks.

As men bared their chests, women's bathing suits also changed. Designers started at the middle and began cutting away fabric. Women, however, have kept enough top and bottom to cover the law -- if only barely. Now, the Rochester Seven, who pleaded guilty to indecent exposure but plan to challenge the constitutionality of the state's antinudity law, are demanding equality.

"I think it's time women took off their tops," said Schloss.

Some of the men who accepted the topless male 50 years ago see it differently. "I don't thing it's right, in a way," said William Ellis. "Some women aren't built for it."

Barr, who has seen it all, was more liberal. By 1973, when he retired as a lifeguard, he saw men and women removing their tops and bottoms in secluded areas. "You just walk by and make no notice of it," he said. "People have been fighting the dress code for years."

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woman as nearly flat-chested as possible. Pair her with a somewhat obese male who quite obviously has larger breasts than she does. Dress them in identical bottoms, say cut-off blue jeans, and put them on the beach together. Make it undeniable to the court that it's the gender of the individual and not the size of the breasts that triggers the arrest. And if the cops won't fall for such a ploy, then we get another woman, this one well-endowed, dress her in another identical bottom, and put her on the beach with our first couple. Now see what choice the police make. Either way we've got a good case.

These two legal approaches do not directly get us to our ultimate goal of acceptance for total nudity in public. But they do chip away at the wall of opposition against us, and wouldn't leave much that would still legally be required to be covered. Better to make some progress in an area where we have a decent chance, than to concentrate on our presently hopeless course of getting legally recognized nude beaches.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND A WISH
FOR A HAPPIER
AND PROGRESSIVE
YEAR FOR
NATURISM IN 1987

THE TOPFREE 7

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COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS CAN SMOOTH THE ROCKY PATHS TO FREEDOM

TOPFREE 7 TRIAL NEAR CONCLUSION

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By John O'Brien

After three days of testimony in the trial of the Topfree 7, City Court Judge Herman J. Walz yesterday appeared to reach the crux of the issue with one question.

Walz, who must decide the constitutionality of a state law barring women from going topless in public, asked defense witness Dana Raphael whether she thought the law was a reflection of today's cultural norms and values, if -- as she said -- Americans viewed breasts as sexual.

Raphael, a Connecticut anthropologist, stopped for a moment and told Walz, "That's a very tough question."

"It was meant to be, so take your time," Walz told her.

Raphael said that yes, it did reflect communtiy values, but that she wasn't sure to what extent, if it even reflected the views of the majority of people.

Prosecutors have said the law serves governmental interests upholding a widely held community standard that women's breasts be covered in public.

Raphael testified that the action of the seven women who bared their breasts in Cobbs Hill Park to challenge the law signalled a drastic change in attitudes about women's bodies in American society.

She was later asked by Assistant Public Defender Laweence L. Kasperek, who is representing defendant Ramona Santorelli, whether the law reflected the standards of people over or under the age of 40.

"For those in power -- the older group," she testified.

The seven women on trial in Rochester City Court claim that the law is discriminatory and unconstitutional.

Closing arguments are scheduled for today.

"These actions may be an indication of what's in the future -- that's what was so exciting to me when I heard about it," Raphael testified. "These very courageous women would have been tarred and feathered even 15 years ago."

In earlier testimony yesterday, a naked Barbie doll took the stand, seated next to psychologist Melissa Farley as she was making a point about society's obsession with breasts.

Barbie's plastic breasts that "defy the laws of gravity" teach girls at an early age how their breasts should look, contributing to society's control over women's bodies, said Farley, a psychology professor at the University Of Iowa.

The state law being questioned in the trial also contributes to that control over women's bodies, Farley, testified.

"The idealized breast is high, round and defies the laws of gravity," Farley testified as she held up the doll, which belongs to Hillary Schloss, the 9-year-old daughter of one of the defendants, Mary Lou Schloss.

The only way for most women to look like Barbie dolls is to starve themselves or undergo major surgery, and many of them do, she said.

Another psychologist, Marilyn Story, testified yesterday that studies have shown simple nudity will not likely lead to violence against women.

"The reverse is true. Simple nudity will decrease agression instead of increase it," said Story, a sex counselor and professor at the University of Northern Iowa.

TOPFREE 7 GOT THEIR POINT ACROSS

DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE
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By John O'Brien

Win or lose, the women of Rochester's Topfree 7 say they've made their point.

With the completion of their four-day trial in City Court yesterday, the public is finally taking seriously their claim that women have as much right as men to take off their shirts wherever they want, the women say.

City Judge Herman J. Walz said he will not decide the case of the women, who are challenging a state indecent exposure law, for at least another two months, after lawyers are scheduled to give oral arguments on the constitutionality of the law.

The women have moved for dismissal of the case, claiming the law is unconstitutional.

"It's not the least we've done by getting the public to take us seriously -- that's the most important thing we've done," said Mary Lou Schloss, a defendant who represented herself.

After five people, including two of the defendants, finished giving summations shortly after noon yesterday, the women hugged each other and their lawyers, David R. Moss and Assistant Public Defender Lawrence L. Kasperek.

"I think we've given women an opportunity to look at themselves in a way they never have before," said defendant Deborah Seymour outside the courtroom as the women were surrounded by reporters and photographers.

"It's not a matter of winning or losing -- it's what we accomplished in the struggle that counts," said Nikki Craft, one of the defendants and a nationally known women's rights activist. "I think that what we've done is instill a style and rebelliousness in women to not sit back and accept their place as second-class citizens."

In an unusual ruling, Walz allowed Craft, of Oshkosh, Wis., to give a closing argument yesterday because she demonstrated she was "perfectly capable of speaking for herself."

Craft, who often broke into tears during her summation, used ear muffs to illustrate her argument against the claim that the state law protects women from sexual violence."

"I'm very turned on by ears," Craft said. "But this society would not listen to me if I said 'I saw that man bare his ears -- I just had to attack him.' That's how absurb the DA's argument is that two pieces of cloth covering protrusions prevent sexual attacks."

The women, who were arrested at Cobbs Hill Park June 21 on a charge of exposure of a person, claim that the law discriminates against women and is unconstitutional.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas J. Brilbeck said in his summation that he would not address the constitutionality issue until the hearing on the issue is held Oct. 28.

He did, however, point out the testimony of a defense witness who said the values of society would have to change before the law would change.

That witness, Dana Raphael, a Connecticut anthropologist, also said the law reflects the norms of society, although she could not say to what extent.

Kasperek said in his summation that "we all know it's not the facts that are on trial here, it's the law that's on trial."

Walz can convict or acquit the women based on the law, or he could dismiss the charges based on the constitutionality issue. If he finds the law unconstitutional, it would not be binding on other judges.

Lawyers from both sides have said they will appeal Walz's decision if they lose.

Walz scheduled oral arguments on tne constitutionality of the law for Oct. 28. He did not give an indication how long it would be before he would issue a decision.

Besides Schloss, Craft and Seymour, the other women on trial were Kathy Reilly, Ramona Santorelli, Elise Jo Tooley and Lynn Zicari.

If convicted they would each face a maximum penality of 15 days in jail, a $250 fine, or both.

MORE NEXT MONTH

SUPPORT THE TOPFREE 7

GIVE THE GIFT OF TOUCH

We give of ourselves when we touch. As Ashley Montagu points out (in his book Touching), "We speak of 'rubbing' people the wrong way and 'stroking' them the right way; of 'abrasive' and 'prickly' personalities. We say of someone that he has 'a happy touch,' of another that he is 'a soft touch,' and of still another that he has 'the human touch.' We get into 'touch' or 'contact' with others. Some people have to be 'handled' carefully ('with kid golves'). Some are 'thick-skinned,' some get 'under one's skin,' while others remain only 'skindeep,' and things are either 'palpably' or 'tangibly' so or not. Some people are 'touchy,' that is, oversensitive or easily 'irritated.' Others are 'out of touch,' or have 'lost their grip.' The 'feel' of a thing is important to us in more ways than one; and 'feeling' for another embodies much of the kind of experience which we have ourselves undergone through the skin. A deeply felt experience is 'touching.' Pleasure in a work of art gives us 'goose pimples.' We say of some people that they are 'tactful,' and of others that they are 'tactless' ...We speak of an unfeeling, unpitying person as 'callous,' which is English for the Latin callum, meaning 'hard skin'... We hold the world in our 'grasp' and 'clutch' our loved ones to our bosom." Truly, touch is the mother of the senses.

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When we speak of joy at Christmas we should think about how we have replaced the hug, the loving massage, and the tender touch with an attitude of alienation and lust. We must have this joy

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SKINNYDIPPING - As American as apple pie.

TOUCH continued

of touch, yet discomfort with it prevails. Attitudes must change, so get in touch with The Stroking Community (71 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA. 19064), to find out how. They have the books and other info you will need to do it right and do it tenderly.

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GOULASH-COMMUNISM AND NATURISM PART 1

By Leif Heilberg

Hungary is the most liberal country of all those situated behind the so-called "iron curtain," i.e. the steel belt of barbed wire, mine fields, machine guns, and search towers, with lights and guns aimed back toward their own people to prevent their escape to freedom in the West.

That is the gross reality of the situation, and gross it is. This writer calls a spade a spade, not intending to gloss over important and basic facts pertinent to the case.

However, once it has been established where we stand in regard to the dictatorship of the proletariat, and red Gestapo, and others of their ilk, now let us examine the difference between these countries under the yoke of monopolistic state capitalism. And there are differences -- some that you will appreciate, both in regards to political suppression and to naturism.

All is well that ends well, the saying goes. That makes us start with the worst, namely the Soviet Union. There the people are cowed by total political, economic, and social control in a typical police state, and naturism is non-existent. Separate-sex nudity (sauna, Turkish bath) in a few public bath houses exists as everywhere in European countries, but mixed nude bathing is out.

The second-worst place, politically speaking, is East Germany, ironically calling itself, German "Democratic" Republic (our quotation) although it is a purely Stalinistic police state whose inhabitants consider their country a quasi-15th Soviet state. The rulers and the red Gestapo will probably think this to be a flattering remark.

In difference to the U.S.S.R., the East German regime does permit naturism as we know it, with many nude beaches along the Baltic Sea and in some terrains inland as well. However, the rulers are scared stiff of any secret opposition arising through an association formed for any purpose, so a national naturist organization is out of the question.

Czechoslovakia is the third worst country, and here we have only sporadic nude beach use in a few isolated spots.

BARELY HUNGRY IN HUNGARY

HUNGARY'S NATURIST CAMPGROUND PHOTOS: LEIF HEILBERG

Romania is similar and only has mud baths and a separate-sex open-air enclosure of poor quality. In both countries the political situation borders on the atrocious. Bulgaria then comes in as almost a Soviet colony, with a similar

A GREAT SPOT FOR THE FAMILY

language and a similar outlook on life, but more open for the tourist trade. On and off for some years there had been a nude beach enclosure at Golden Sands near Nesebar on the Black Sea coast, but that is closed down now, and only a bit of hidden nudity on other coastal beaches remains.

Poland then comes in as the second best (or lesser evil) of the countries with red regimes. As everyone knows, Solidarnosz was created as the free workers' union, only to be brutally suppressed later when the Soviet bear to the East couldn't take seeing such freedom any longer, so close to its border. The Russian bear demanded an end to freedom, and so the Polish regime clamped down and wiped out the union. Still, the spirit of freedom and wishes for independence from the Soviet yoke runs strong and deep in Poland. Similarly, the wish for freedom from clothes when appropriate - in warm weather and at the right locations - makes Poland a prime red nation for naturist progress. Already, thousands of nude bathers appear on Baltic Coast beaches, the Vistual River at Warsaw, and at many pools, rivers, lakes, etc., inland. Even resorts are of late being built or bought specifically for naturist tourists, domestic as well as foreign. And of all the above countries, only Poland permits official naturist circles, groups attrached to other organizations (established for whichever purpose, Esperanto, women' rights, etc.) that already have official organizational approval from the government.

Finally, the least oppressed Commie state, the one with a fair degree of freedom - relatively speaking, of course - and the one with enough economic progress through the complement of small-capitalism that supplements the inefficient state-bureaucratic industry, is Hungary where Goulash-Communism has gradually taken over from the stultifying orthodox Soviet methods of planned production. Hungarians, like the Poles, love to live and let live, love the good life, love wine, women and song as the saying goes, and do, indeed, have excellent Tokay (and other) wines, gorgeous women of bountiful proportions, and fine music which, of course, is known for its influence from Gypsy violins. They have eminently edible food of exquisite taste in a great variety of cuisines, enough to satisfy any palate however discriminating, whether fish, meat, vegetables, or soups. Hungary is also the only communist country to have really good coffee available; maybe some connection between that and the fact that "café" in Hungarian is written "eszpresszo." A typical dessert in Hungary is also "palacsinta" (pronounced palatshinta) which are thin pancakes (crépes) usually served with sugar, or jam, or butter, etc. They are delicious, to say the least.

What about naturism, you say! The only red country permitting a national organization of naturists is Hungary; that is right, a national organization dedicated to the welfare and promotion of nude sunbathers, naturists. There is a large camp at Délegyháza capable of hosting thousands of naturists, and another one being developed at Mohács farther south, with a large number of "wild" or unofficial nude beach terrains scattered throughout the country. Furthermore, the national organization Magyar Natur-

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TOGETHER WHEREVER WE GO

THE FACILITIES ARE IMPRESSIVE

HUNGARY continued

isták Egyesülete which has many thousands of members after only the second year in operation, is negotiating to buy or lease motel and hotel units and camp grounds to convert them to naturist use, as resorts, etc. Daily ground fees - as of summer 1986 - at Délegyháza is only 69 cents US or 30 forints (58 cents US at the free market rate of exchange of 52 forints to the dollar), a pittance not only for U.S. visitors but to absolutely anyone from any Western country. With a lake of pure water (an ex-quarry) on the grounds, sanitary facilities like toilets and showers, doctors, paramedics, emergency helicopter available, camp ground police, three restaurants, eight food wagons, and other services available without the need to leave the premises, it is a bargain. There is plenty of camping spots available, but if you plan to come in the high season of July and August, better book ahead of time. If you tell them you have read about Délegyháza and Hungarian naturism in this article, they will give you special treatment.

Forty two kilometers to the north - a 45 minute drive - you have the fascinating city of Budapest, the pre-war Paris on the Danube, with majestic age-old buildings, castles, tourist sites galore, hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops containing a greater wealth of goods - including select Western goods now - than in any other communist capital. Hotels go from international chains of luxury status - with prices to match - through medium and very nice hotels at fairly reasonable prices, to the lower end of the scale with clean and comfortalbe lodgings with no luxury, maybe the bathroom and toilet in the hallway, but also at low cost to the budget traveler. For those tourists flying straight into Budapest from abroad, or for train travelers, rental cars are available here, and to get to Délegyháza one drives south on highway 51 to an indicator showing where to turn eastward to Délegyháza, then after Délegyháza continue two km. to the entrance of the camp which is on lake #5.

NEED A LIFT? TRY NATURISM

If one doesn't rent a car, the best connection is to go by train from Budapest to Józsefvárosi, then three stops in streetcar (tram) no 23, 24, or 36 from stop Keleti to Délegyháza. From there it is two km. by bus to the camp. In general, campers need bring along their own camping equipment, as none is for rent under regular circumstances.

An hour's drive southwest from Délegyháza will get you to the beautiful inland sea Balaton where tourists resorts flourish. Sightseeing steamers ply the tranquil waters of this giant lake, and panoramic vistas develop before your eyes as you move along the scenic shoreline. Small, cozy restaurants and coffee houses proliferate everywhere, and the normal tourist paraphernalia are for sale in many shops. By May 1987 there will also be a good naturist camp ground available on the Balaton, with restaurant and all other facilities. It will be at Balatonberény.

It is rather important for visitors to understand that, in order to get good service and quality of merchandise in Hungary, one must usually search out private enterprises. A few prestige hotels may be the exception to the rule, but otherwise, the state run restaurants and stores offer shoddy merchandise and poor service. Private boutiques, restaurants, and service establishments however, do offer considerably higher standards of goods and services in the typical private enterprise style. The incentive to provide a broad merchandise mix, high quality of goods, and excellent service, is of course, enlightened self-interest -- the profit motive which is absolutely lacking in state enterprises. Luckily, more and more private interests take over all kinds of small business in Hungary, so the quality of life is rapidly improving for the population. Even Canon cameras from Japan are now for sale in Budapest - and for forints - something unknown in other communist countries. The Hungarian economy is in a rapid state of flux, and all for the better. You probably guessed it -- the food services at Délegyháza are all privately owned (built from scratch, equipped, stocked, and run as private enterprises).

NEXT MONTH

The visit to Hungary continues with more information and photos to show us how far away we are from natural freedom.

A HOLIDAY SONG

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RENOWNED STUNTMAN DIES IN FILM SET ACCIDENT

Los Angeles Hearld Examiner
November 22, 1986

Record-holding stuntman Dar Robinson, considered by many the world's best, died yesterday (Nov. 21st) while filiming a stunt in Arizona for the movie "Million Dollar Industry," a film spokesman said, Robinson was 39.

Details of the accident were sketchy, but it apparently involved a motorcycle and occurred on location in Page, Ariz, a small town in the desert, said Roger Armstrong, a spokesman for DeLaurentus Entertainment Group, Armstrong said.

Armstrong, who planned to travel to the set today, said no further information was being released "pending investigative procedures."

Robinson, a Los Angeles resident, held more than 21 world stunt records and appeared in such movies as "Sharky's Machine," "Turk 182" and "Stick." He also did a lot of work with television's "That's Incredible."

In 1980, Robinson made a 900-foot free fall from Torontos' CN Tower with a wire cable that stopped him 200 feet from the ground. It marked his second successful jump from the world's tallest free-standing structure.

A year eariler, he jumped from the 1,821-foot tower, but opened a parachute toward the end and floated to the ground. He reportedly received $250,000 for the parachute leap.

Robinson, who also performed a free fall from the top of the Houston Astrodome, also held the record for a jump from a helicopter. ON Sept 2, 1978, he jumped 286 feet from a helicopter in Buena Park to eclipe a record of 280 feet held by fellow stuntman A.J. Bakunas.

Dar was an advisor and judge at the Treehouse Western Stuntman Competition for the past few years. He was well known and well liked. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

A BRAND NEW LOOK

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CHILDRENS NEW PLAYGROUND

EUGENE CALLEN MEMORIAL FUND

SHOWING STEADY GROWTH

The Eugene Callen Memorial Fund is alive and well and showing steady growth, according to Administrative Director Cec Cinder.

As of the first of November this Southern-California-centered Fund, which was begun on April 1st of this year and is thus seven months old, has taken in a total of $2,642. There have been 53 contributors, many of them from other parts of California, some of them from out of state and many of them repeat contributors.

One man, Robert Jones of Burbank, has contributed five different times. The largest single contribution, $500, has come from Ed Lange. The second biggest, $200 came from Betty Goodwin, Editor and Publisher of Bare in Mind. There have been ten $100 contributions.

The Fund has made one dispersement, $200 to Dave and Suzy Davis for attorney fees, and thus the net balance is $2,442.

The Fund is applying for non-profit status. It is dedicated to the overthrow of the Los Angeles City anit-nudity ordinance of 1974, the so-called "Manning-Davis Act," named for Cardinal Timothy Manning and Police Chief Ed Davis, both of whom have been succeeded in office long since while their legacy remains on the books.

Those wishing to contribute should make checks or money orders payable to "The Eugene Callen Memorial Fund" and mail them to Cec Cinder, P.O. Box 328, Sunnymead, CA. 92368.

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Former Ramona nudist camp strips off its old name, image

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Heinz Schleuss
Staff Writer

RAMONA -- A year ago, it was a hotbed of controversy. A clothing-optional policy triggered a lawsuit, and three vice raids uncovered hundreds of pornographic photographs of children.

But with a new name and manager, the Pow Wow RV Ranch -- formerly the Samagatuma Resort -- is no longer destined to become a nudist colony, and the suit probably will be dropped in favor of an out-of-court settlement.

"Even some of the nudists have decided to stay here," said Hobart Serino, the park's new manager and a resident of the park since 1980. "But when they live here, they simply have to keep their pants on."

From the early 1930s until 1983, Samagatuma Resort catered solely to nudists. However, in June 1985, former manager Jack Davis decided that a clothing-optional policy would bring more tenants and money to the run-down resort. Non-nudists were being asked to live next to nudists.

It was a policy that 22 residents sued to have rescinded. An El Cajon judge granted them a temporary restraining order in July 1985.

Then between August and October, the sheriff's vice detail conducted three raids. Though no one was arrested in the first two, a longtime resident was taken into custody after the October raid and accused of having sex with a 9-year-old girl.

Investigators had said that out of the stacks of photographs they seized, most were too old to use as evidence against any of the suspects.

In May, Davis quit as manager, and the drive to reinstate nudity was, in effect, halted. Doug Stoodt, a Poway attorney representing the residents, said his group no longer wants to go to court but may ask for an out-of-court settlement for damages.

Meanwhile, Hobart is fixing water lines, the pool and tennis courts. He decided to change the name to the Pow Wow RV Ranch "to avoid the notoriety of the name (Samagatuma)."

The 157-acre park has 60 mobile and motorhome spaces, of which only 34 are filled. Hobart said that until park amenities are up to county standards, no new tenants will be accepted.

The 34 families there now moved in before renovations began, he said. There were 34 tenants at the park when Davis introduced the clothing-optional policy.

"We're accepting applications but not people," Serino said. "I don't intend to market spaces until everything is in conformance."

Serino wants to attract Navy personnel stationed at the air base in Miramar.

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ideal. However, the rule that the INF can only have one member orgainzation is seen as important to protect national organizations from schism. The INF should ensure that every person who wishes to become part of the naturist family, and has not already been excluded from it because of his behaviour, can do so. Means will need to be found of ensuring that division in naturist organizations, or the existence of separate naturist organizations with differing objectives does not lead to groups being isolated from that family.

Strength in terms of numbers of members will make it far easier to obtain international recognition from such bodies as the European Commission, the Council of Europe or the United Nations. Such recognition of naturism as a reputable mass leisure movement will make it much easier to establish naturism in new countries. The INF is exploring ways of developing links with international organizations, and at least one national federation has been invited to reply to a questionnaire.

The current status of co-operation between federations is also encouraging. The United States and Canada have a long history of unification of aims and methods in the nudist field. Australia and New Zealand work closely together. West European federations have divided into geographical groups to meet regularly to discuss matters of mutual concern, in addition to more informal meetings of members and club twinnings. In Scandinavia, each nation has, since 1975, elected a "Nordisk kontaktperson," or pan-Scandinavian contact secretary, who has a generous budget for attending the other two countries' annual general meetings. More practically, there is a caravan and cabin exchange service for the members of the different federations. Similar ideas might be taken up between other federations, or on a more international basis, given that the cost of such a service would have to be born by the users. To encourage international contact between federation members, two Family Sports Weeks have been held, and it could be that other activities might be provided for those less athletically inclined. One idea might be a Family Arts Week to include such activities as dance, drama, painting, photography or music.

Projecting a strong image of naturism and its basic values

Central to the INF's strength as an organization must be its belief in the maintenance of high standards of behaviour. There is considerable room for debate, however, over what should be regarded as appropriate standards. On the one hand, some members of the Commission felt that it could only be expressed in general terms such as "respect for other people," while others felt that being a naturist implied an attitude to the world and to the environment which precluded, for example, the eating of meat or the use of alcohol and tobacco.

The INF's existing definition of standards, adopted at Agde in 1974, states:

"Naturism is a way of life in harmony with nature characterized by the practice of communal nudity, with the intention of encouraging self-respect, respect for others, and for the environment."

It is important to stress to the general public the innocence of being naked, and to demonstrate the difference between naturism and overt sexuality, without of course denying that naturists, like anyone else, are sexual beings. In some countries nudity and sexuality are very closely linked. We must work to separate them in the public mind, using as examples countries where nudity is well-accepted by the public.

The INF's resources are of course limited, and it may be necessary to review whether activities which only benefit a small number of people, such as some sports activities, can justify the money spent on them. That is not to say, of course, that the INF cannot provide seed money to start off activities that will eventually become self-financing.

The INF might also wish to review its method of communication to its members. The Press Bulletin at present has very limited ciculation and it could be that broadening the range of its content, for example by including readers' letters or holiday articles may increase its appeal to individual members. Alternatively, it might be felt that the now inconsiderable resources now devoted to the Press Bulletin might be better used issuing topical press releases much closer in time to the events described.

Recruiting new members for organized naturism

The organization can be made stronger by recruiting new members. We should aim to increase our membership by a factor of two or three.

1. Free beach naturists.
2. Visitors to naturist holiday centers.
3. Clients booking naturist holidays from travel firms.
4. Naturists in countries which as yet do not have an organization.
5. People who have not yet heard of naturism, or who have heard of it, but do not know how to contact us.

It will be necessary to find ways to contact these groups and convince them of the usefulness of organized naturism. Considering each of the groups in turn:

1. Volunteers could be recruited to visit unofficial beaches, parks and other places used by so-called "beach-naturists," and try to convince such people of the usefulness of organized naturism or, just as important, if we cannot convince them to join, carefully to identify the reasons why they are unwilling to do so. If the reason for such unwillingness to join is the excess of rules in clubs, they might be directed to clubs which are more relaxed, as the emphasis on rules varies greatly from club to club.

2. We should have close liaison with the proprietors of naturist holiday centers, and seek their assistance in recruiting members. Recruitment is, after all, in both their and our interests. Ultimately it might be necessary to offer a commission for memberships sold.

3. The same approach might be appropriate with firms offering naturist package tours. This has been done with some effect in Britain.

4. This will be dealt with under the section on establishing naturism in new countries.

5. This will be covered in the section on public relations.

Establishing naturism in new countries

Appropriate strategies for spreading naturism into countries where it is not yet established will vary very much according to the local situation. In some countries, such as Finland or Iceland, it can be supposed that the governments would be sympathetic, and indeed where many people habitually swim or take saunas nude, then the problem is to inform people of the value of being part of the naturist family, or of the usefulness of having naturist clubs. Representatives might visit the country, or arrange for articles to be published in newspapers and so on, extolling the virtues of naturist holiday centers, or of the companionship to be found in clubs'.

In Eastern Bloc countries the government may have no objection to naturism in principle, but may object to the formation of clubs, and may have strict laws preventing the export of foreign currency for a subscription to the INF. The Commission considered the implications of allowing governments to be members of the INF, but reached the conclusion that this could not really be practicable. Where the prohibition of the export of foreign currency is the only obstacle to a federation becoming affiliated to the INF, it is possible for the INF to open a bank account in that country to be spent on naturist activities there. The INF will need to use the utmost discretion in .working to establish naturism in Eastern Bloc countries which are hostile to naturism, as those countries' strict monitoring of their citizens' contact with the West could put practicing naturists at considerable risk.

The same can be said of many other countries where naturism is not yet established, although in most countries diehard naturists will know of somewhere where it is possible to sunbathe nude. Sometimes governments may have a negative attitude to naturism, but will nonetheless permit the development of naturist holiday centers for visitors because of the much-needed foreign currency naturists bring. It might be thought that this constitutes exploitation, but experience suggests that gradually the local inhabitants will see that the naturists are well-behaved and respectable and may wish to try naturism for themselves. Although one cannot expect naturist travel firms to expend their resources on locals who will bring in little money, the INF should point out to them the advantages of a local populace which is sympathetic to naturism, and should be asked, for example, if they will allow it to use beaches and so on. The INF should also be prepared to support a travel firm which wishes to start operations in a new country, and be prepared to provide the government with evidence of the bona fides of organized naturists. Having said that of course it is also essential to fully involve local naturists and try to avoid too much overt commercialism.

Public relations policy

The movement has up to now been too exclusive. International meetings are held, yet many people still do not know that the movement exists. They know of the possibility of nude holidays, or of the existence of free beaches, but they are not aware of the benefits and values of naturism or of the extent of the movement in their own country. The INF should increase its efforts to promote naturism at international level, and support and encourage existing federations to do so at national level. This support could be merely moral, or it could be practical. The Commission would recommend that the Central Committee investigate the possibility of producing a "shell" brochure, of the kind produced by Natunion, which national federations could buy at cost, and on which they could print their own text, pointing out, if they felt it appropriate, that the same brochure was being used to tell people all over the world about naturism.

Ideally one would accept that public relations require professional skills, and conclude that the INF should use its resources to engage professionals to carry out the tasks, but in practice the cost of doing this in one country, let alone several dozen speaking many different languages, would be impossible. The INF should therefore consider what tasks are most appropritely carried out on an international basis and what on a national basis. Either way it must be accepted that most of the finance will need to come from national federations, particularly in countries where naturism is strong. Alternatively, the projects might be self-funding. Another idea that the Central Committee may wish to consider is the publication of a "coffee-table" book, with carefully chosen text and photographs illustrating the benefits of naturism and giving each federation say four pages to describe its facilities. This would be sold to the public at an economic price.

One federation has also shared with naturist travel firms in running "multimedia shows" in which essentially the same display material has been taken in exhibitions from town to town and combined with carefully planned TV and newspaper publicity. A simlar example of international co-operation is stands at holiday exhibitions taken by the FFN as a holiday destination country, but shared with the national federation of the country where the exhibition is being held.

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THE EUROPEAN SCENE

Robbert Broekstra

SOUTH WALES

In 1981 the Cardigan Naturist swimgroup was born and its founders Keith Rutter and his good wife Hazel have made this club what it is today. They swim twice a month in the municipal pool in Cardigan on Sundays and twice a month on Mondays they have sauna evenings.

At the time of my visit in September I had the privilege to visit (for the first time) with some members of this group a new location which will be the first nude beach in this area.

We left Keith & Hazels house in three cars and were on our way to the unknown. It was about a 30 minute drive through valleys, hills and narrow roads.

When we got to the farm we had a little chat with the owner, he seemed to be a happy-go-lucky fellow, telling us his plans about extending the road closer to his nude beach and getting a permit to start a little restaurant.

We soon packed up our gear and started walking towards the beach, walking through fields and now and then we would meet some sheep. It's lovely countryside and has crisp, clean air to breath. After about 10 minutes we came to the steep part of our journey and in about another 10 minutes we reached our destination. A secluded spot with a great view.

Only a few of us went into the water, as it was freezing cold, coming out of it felt like being in a heatwave.

While being at the beach another couple joined our group and Keith told them about his swimming sessions in Cardigan. They said they would come, and so naturism grows and grows in many parts of the world. Keith has also plans to start badminton soon.

The family Rutter have two children, Kevin and Clare. As Hazel is an M.S. patient and uses a wheelchair and crutches at times it was great to see her wanting to do all the things that we did. Nothing really is too difficult for her, and the energy she puts in to it and not to forget the help from Keith is something that makes this family a living example for us all.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SEQUOIAN STYLE

Well, the article on Sequoians **finally** appeared in the East Bay Express early in October, complete with a picture of the Tannahills and moi walking up the road in our shoes and tans. I must say, the article was well worth the wait.

It covers an entire page, and the reporter, Melissa Milton, while making a couple of minor mistakes, like turning my daughter Jamie into a son, really did a fantastic job. Her article covered more background information on the nudist movement as a whole and its history than any I have ever seen before. The sincere interest Melissa showed me in the course of our interview was translated into an informative and highly positive article on our club and nudism.

As a direct result of the East Bay Express article, Nancy, a very nice 15 year Berleley resident, came out to the club on October 18th to soak up some rays and meet our members. I expect to continue to see the fruits of this article over the start of next season.

We have begun planning our **1987** PR approach, and have some great ideas, like going out to the beaches frequently over the summer (whenever there is good weather) to increase the beachers' awareness of our availability and advantages.

Louise Flanagan

Editors Note: Anyone who might have a copy of the article mentioned above please send us a copy, we would like to reprint it in BIM.

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The Central Committee may also wish to review whether some of its present public relations activities, specifically the Press Prize, are as effective as they might be. At present very few journalists have heard of the prize, and if they are fortunate enough to win it, they receive it as a complete surprise. A more appropriate use of the Prize might be to award it to naturists who have articles published in the non-nudist press. Naturists could be made aware of the existence of the prize and might be encouraged by a prize of not inconsiderable financial value, to submit articles first for publication and then for consideration for the prize. This might markedly increase the number articles on naturism submitted for publication.

The INF could also provide an advice service for new and smaller federations on how best to undertake publicity campaigns.

Finance

In order to achieve a great increase in the number of naturists it will be necessary to increase the number of naturist grounds. These are usually started by individuals or groups of individuals, but only rarely these days do members have enough capital to be able to purchase grounds themselves. In a country with a large federation, the federation can usually help, either by loaning money itself or arranging special loans from banks or even government recreational organizations.

In a smaller country or one where naturism is only just getting established, this will probably not be possible, as the federation may not have more members than the club. Members may not be of sufficient financial standing to be able to guarantee a commercial loan. International help may therefore be essential if that crucial first club site is to be acquired. Sample conditions that might be attrached to the provision of help in the form of a loan might be:

1. The INF funds would have to be lent through the national federation to which the grounds would have to be mortgaged.
2. The loan would be repayable over five years at interest.
3. The maximum loan would be 50% of the value of the grounds.
4. The maximum loan would be 50,000 Swiss francs.

Clearly the establishment of a loan fund would need to be financed in some way. Options for financing it might include:

1. Set up the fund based on a greatly increased stamp price.
2. Appoint a person with expertise to investigate how such a loan scheme might operate, and from where money might be raised to fund it.
3. The INF might act as a broker to help loans to be arranged between national federations.

It might of course be necessary to assess which countries have the greatest potential for developing naturism among their own citizens and concentrate limited resources on them.

Jim Christopherson and his committee are to be commended for the two years of effort that it put into this report. Their work is done and the INF President has discharged the committee. Now, it is up to the INF Central Committee to consider and act upon the findings of the Future Options Committee.

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IBERIA

BY JAMES G. DODGE

Whenever I read accounts of tour groups coming to Europe, it always seems that each includes Cap d'Agde as a "must" for it's itinerary. In September I was heading for the Algarve and decided to investigate a number of sites enroute, including the famous Cap d'Agde.

For many years I have been visiting FKK camps and areas in Jugoslavia, as well as a number in Austria and Germany. But this would be my first attempt to seek out new locations farther to the West. In France, of course, as anyone who has studied the latest INF Directory must quickly realize, there are undoubtedly more sites than in almost any other country of the world, including the vastly larger USA. Thus I could only hope to see a very few, especially since my journey would only cross a quite limited area in the South along the Mediterranean.

My journey began by crossing eastern Switzerland through the Engadene from Landeck in Austria, past the gorgeous Sylvaplana Lake and St. Mortiz with a very gradual ascent to the Malojapass. From there one has a sharp descent of nearly 1,500 meters or 4,700 ft. to Catasegna for the crossing into Italy.

It was a gorgeous Sunday so that the heavy trucks were absent, but with really dense traffic from the Sunday drivers, particularly along the shores of Lake Como and through the city of Lecco at the southern end of the lake. As quickly as possible I sought out the limited-access road past Monza, site of the Formula 1 races, and finally the Autostrada. This in Italy, as in France, is a system of toll roads. Nevertheless, I guess the tolls are worth it, for it did spare me the dense traffic of Milan and Turin.

After bypassing Turin, the home of Fiat, I headed South through the gathering dusk toward Cuneo and the climb into the Maritime Alps. That night I spent in my VW Camper in a quiet spot off the highway just beyond Robilante.

The next morning, Monday, I was off early with a good but curving road over the mountains, crossing into France through the old tunnel at Col de Tende and then descending by a series of wild gorges with towns and villages clinging to the sides of these remote valleys. It was warm, with little traffic and, as almost everywhere in France, good, well-marked roads.

Eventually, though .I had been aiming for Nice, I came out on the ocean at Menton. The drive through Monaco to Nice was slow with heavy traffic. And after a brief stop in Nice for shopping, I spent an hour getting out of the sprawling city, eventually finding the Autoroute that spared me all kinds of time and trouble until well beyond Aix en Provence.

Even though I knew I was passing several interesting FKK camps at Draguignan, St. Zacharie and Cassis, I was more interested in reaching Cap d'Agde as soon as possible. So I continued on past Nimes to Montpellier, where I turned off on the excellent and well-marked Departmental road 112 to Sete and Agde. This was the only day in over five weeks that I had any rain, and for several hours it came down quite steadily.

After passing Sete, one drives along a rather wide tongue of land separating the Mediterranean from the Bay of Thau for about 10 miles to the turnoff a short distance before reaching Agde. After crossing a shoulder of a low hill that dominates the area, directly ahead one sees the vast development of Cap d'Agde. This, of course, is all a newly developed resort area where many live now the year around.

The numerous districts and facilities are clearly and frequently marked so that one can only with intent go astray. At the entrance to the extensive development there is a large tourist and information center. But, knowing where I really wanted to go, I simply followed the signs pointing to "naturisme," located at the northern end of the development.

Proceeding slowly along the curving and attractively landscaped streets, driving slowly past the villas and apartments of the "textile" residents, eventually I came to the Bureau Accueil AGN with a large parking area, the Visitor's Information Office for the whole Oltra development. Many articles and numerous accounts by visitors from the USA have been published in various papers and Naturist publications in the States with pictures. These, however, can only with considerable imagination convey any vague idea of the vastness of this entire project, or perhaps one should better say series of projects.

If one begins with Port Venus on the southerly end with its boat marina, villas and apartment houses, then across the marina . the large hockey-stick shaped Port Nature rises a terraced five storys, open to the southeast and the ocean and embracing swimming pools, sauna, and more villas. Behind this is the equally high structure of Port Ambonne, crescent shaped and open to the South, and beside it the large open ring of Heliopolis, again rising to five storys and open to the sea on the 1.5 km long beach. One almost misses the extensive camping area of the Centre Helio Marin Oltra Freres at the North end of the huge development. But it is there with its thousands of sites for campers of every catagory.

From a bird's-eye-view this is clearly a city within a city. Directly beyond the reception office at the gate there are offices for the rental of studios, apartments, villas, or other accommodations. Even with a map, I can well imagine that for more than a few, especially new visitors, a system of guides could be welcome.

At the office I had a lengthy conversation with a man from India who was introducing inexperienced visitors to the idea and principles of naturism. My perhaps strongest reaction to this visit, coming as I did from many years of camping in Jugoslavia or visiting clubs and camps in Germany and Austria, was one similar to that of the country boy on his first visit to the big city; I was literally overpowered! I venture that one could live there and never have to set foot, bare or otherwise, outside this metropolis of Naturisme.

Following this visit, I drove on past Beziers and Narbonne, from which later one can easily visit the ancient city of Carcasonne about 25 miles inland from the sea. But I remained on NR 9 and soon after passed by the many wine cellars of the muskat region. All were offering free tasting, but with the very stringent control of alcohol and driving, I thought better to abstain.

A short distance farther I turned again toward the ocean and Port Leucate. In this area there are numerous FKK centers. Most of them, however, are basically for campers from small puptents to the largest trailers and motorhomes. Thus for the visitor from the USA there would not be much point in describing them, even though many are beautifully planned and with all facilities. In this regard, following my long experience again in Austria and other areas along the Adriatic Coast, I am surprised to find a goodly number with full hook-ups.

So in Port Leucate I visited one of the most beautiful and well-planned naturist centers that I have so far found, Aphrodite Village. This is a large, completely designed vacation and retirement center with evey desired facility. There are 1, 2, and 3 room apartments, completely equipped for rent or for sale, for long or short term living or on a time-share basis. All the buildings are solidly built in the style of the region with streets, landscaping, shops, and recreational facilities all very thoughtfully conceived. Even a VHS Video cassete is available for anyone interested in this village.

Here the long or short-term visitor can find a marina, two kilometers of guarded beach, three tennis courts, two pools of which one is heated as needed, restaurant, boutique, and various shops. Riding, volleyball, and archery are part of the sport program, or one can simply be lazy on the sand beach or go windsurfing.

For anyone who does not care for the mass, city atmosphere of Cap d'Agde, Aphrodite Village could offer a more quiet alternative. And both are equally easy to reach via car, bus, train, or air.

As I finally drove away, just across the tongue of land and the highway which separate the Etang de Leucate from the ocean I saw a windsurfing reviere such as one dreams of. For a distance of almost a mile the cars, vans and motorhomes from France, Holland and Germany were lined up noses to the water. A sharp wind from the northeast was blowing, I estimated between 4-6 Beaufort. On an area of 1.5 km long and perhpas half a kilmoter wide the water was covered with surfers literally hanging on their trapiz rigs, often brushing the water. The wind was such that they were paralleling the strand, scarcely a few yards off the beach.

Although I had my board on the roof, I dared not to venture into this assembly of "cracks" who were delightful to watch from the shore. And the truly astonishing point that I noticed again and again, when one was a bit weary or wiped out, the water was very little above the knee! A "beach start" was the only way to go!

From Leucate I then continued on past Perpignan to the border of Spain at Pertus. Thirty years before I had covered this same route. But then there was absolutely NO tourist development, to say nothing of naturisme in most of France. The war was only a few years in the past, and most people were still slowly recovering from the horror of it.

At that time Spain was still very much under the ridgid control of Franco and the Falange. Even the idea of naturism in Sapin was utterly beyond conception. How times have changed, especially here along the Mediterranean coast.

Soon after crossing the border, in the Costa Brava region between Palamos and Montras there is a charming camp that was highly recommended to me. It is located about an old farmhouse and is provided with all facilities, but again for campers. As in so many of these areas, people are multi-lingual. Thus visitors from the USA, whether longer in Europe or on a more limited tour, have no difficulty with communication. And as Americans have come to expect, there are all needed facilities and conveniences.

Just South of Barcelona again there is an extensive camp directly on the ocean not far off the "thruway" (toll) and about six miles North of the town of Casteldefells. It is called "El Toro Bravo." This is open throughout the year and has facilities for 500 campers of every catagory. There are also a limited number of trailers available for non-campers with rebates for families, senior-citizens and for longer visits.

In the very detailed Europe Camping + Caravaning Guide, published in Stuttgart, Germany, all of these camps are listed, and even the non-naturist camps have a symbol to indicate the distance to the nearest naturist beach. Of these there are many all along the coast, officially marked and recognized by each regional government! What a difference from All the US states!

Inasmuch as I was not just seeking free beaches, I gradually drove on southward,

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this time heading for Cartagena and El Portus. This large and exceptionally well-planned naturist center on the Costa Calida about six miles South of the port city of Cartagena must be one of the most attractive vacation sites along the entire Mediterranean coast.

Located along the bed of a normally dry creek, surrounded by barren, rocky hills but opening to the East on a wide sandy beach, El Portus is not only for campers but also provides bungalows, tents, and caravans for those who do not bring their own accommodations. All the amenities are available: a large swimming pool, beach snack bar, tennis courts, children's playground, restaurant, shop and food market, volleyball, a private disco-bar during the main season. The numerous sanitary facilities with both warm and cold showers are well kept and frequently attended.

Cartagena is certainly not "just around the corner." It is on a level with North Africa and Virginia or North Carolina. The climate is very dry and warm enough that one can enjoy both the sun and water virtually every day of the year.

The night before I had spent in my camper in a quite spot between Alicante and Cartagena so that the final stage to El Portus was quite short. As is the case everywhere in Spain, Cartagena has grown so much in the past 20 years that often I felt like a modern day Rip van Winkle. With little difficulty I drove around the city, found the road to Canteras and then turned off that one shortly after to Galifa and El Portus. In fact, I arrived there just as the office was opening.

Without any complicated formalities other than depositing my passport, I found a spot not too far from the beach where I had full hook-ups which I did not really need. The water in the system is not for drinking; there are other taps where one can get purified drinking water, or, as most do, one can always get bottled water in the store.

Very quickly I was parked and hooked up for lights and my small fridge. In mid-September the main vacation season was over. But there were a considerable number of visitors there both with their own rigs and in the bungalows and trailers. Some had flown in from England; others had come from France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, and even one van from Ontario!

The camping area is very flat; the main roads are asphalted, and the sanitary blocks are all located within easy distance. At noon the bar near the pool served food, and in the evening the restaurant was open until quite late for guests.

During the brief week of my stay the ocean was 27C or about 80 Farenheit, and the air between 85 and 90 depending on the wind from the ocean that usually blew from late morning until evening. It was so dry, however, that the warmth was comfortable.

Since the wide beach area is open to everyone, especially on the weekend, there were quite a few visitors not from El Portus. Most of these were at least incipient naturists, and there was not the slightest friction or overt curiosity.

The week slipped away all to rapidly. I was on my way to visit friends near Gibraltar so had to break camp and move on. Along the often very rugged Costa del Sol of Spain there are a number of official as well as tolerated naturist beaches. One can almost always find a suitable spot.

Leaving El Portus by mid-morning, I drove a few hours farther to the south through the arid landscape of Murcia Province. There is now, however, seemingly a great deal of effort to develop agri-business in much of the area, concentrating on tomatoes. And it appeared to me that the drip irrigation technique developed by Israelis in the Sinai was being used extensively here.

Rather than seeking to go too far in one day, I decided to stop again in the Palomares region where there are three naturist centers. Though all are primarily for campers, each does have apartments for non-camping visitors. I stopped at Las Palmeras on the road between Vera and Garrucha. In the midst of a generally treeless plain one sees what appears to be a walled oasis of eucalyptus trees, perhaps 20 acres in area. This is clearly marked "FKK Camping."

Arriving at the reception office, I met the owner, Mr. Gerlach, who actually comes from Holland and spends his winters here. I quickly registered, found a pleasant spot in the eucalyptus grove and prepared for a short visit. Although the camp was not crowded, I did see visitors from Spain, Holland, Belgium, France, and Germany. Some were there for longer stays, for this is the sun-belt of Europe.

Not far away from my site I found a large swimming pool and a short distance beyond, a bar and restaurant. A building behind the pool housed the laundry, and close to the reception area there was a store for food and other necessities. The architecture was in the most attractive Andalusian style of white stucco and red tile roofs that is so much copied in Florida and California. But here I was in the midst of Andalusia.

Here I remained only for two days. Had I desired, I could have driven to the official and marked naturist beach about half a mile away. No matter, I had to push on a bit which meant driving the entire Costa del Sol through Almeria, Motril, Malaga and Estaponte throughout most of which the developments of the past 20 years have made the area almost unrecognizable for me. I did see reminants of the road I had travelled 30 years before, little else that I could recall.

But for the conclusion of this account, one has to mention perhaps the most developed and luxurious naturist center of Spain; Costa Natura. This is located on the coast about 50 miles west of Malaga and 20 east of Gibralter from either of which one now has access by air. Estaponte is the nearest large city, Costa Natura is a small Village or Pueblo in the Andalusian style. The apartments are for sale or rent, some on a time-sharing basis. The design, planning, and furnishing are all excellent with exotic landscaping and meticulous care of the surroundings. Costa Natura has its own beach with all sport activities in addition to the large swimming pool. In all there are accommodations for nearly 800 guests and a restaurant is available with excellent food for those who do not wish to cook for themselves. For 1986 in the high season for the single apartment (two persons) the rate was about $22, for the four person apartment about $15 per night per person. In the off season these rates drop to $7 and $5.50! Meals are extra.

All the naturist facilities of every catagory are concentrated along the Mediterranean Coast from the border with France at Port Bou to Gibraltar. There is variety to suit everyone and the prices are modest. In El Portus the most elaborate accommodations with four persons would be $12 a day per person and the most modest about half that. For my camping with hook-ups, in season, it cost me about $7 per night. Depending on the season, there are up to 65% discounts for long stays. Thus a naturist vacation in Spain does not have to be expensive.

So far there are no naturist developments inland in Spain as is the case in the rest of Europe. Until now concerning the developments in Portugal, although there are isolated beaches where one can bathe nude and an INF Federation does exist in Lisbon, there is no organized naturism recognized throughout that country. Nevertheless, it appears to be only a matter of time, for the pressure from tourism, and naturist tourists in Europe are increasing in numbers every year, will eventually make the construction of similar facilities necessary there. This is even beginning to develop in Italy!

The Florida St. Petersburg Times
By Jan Glidewell

PASCO COUNTY MAY HAVE FOUND A NEW GROWTH INDUSTRY: NUDISM

Mostly I just want to try to write this column without all of the bad (and a few good) puns that the subject almost always invites.

It appears that Pasco County may at last have found the clean, non-polluting industry that communities are always claiming to seek;

Nudism.

Worldwide, Pasco is gaining a reputation for two popular pastimes -- taking off your clothes...and jumping out of airplanes.

Before you ask, residents and visitors are discouraged -- and, yes, it has been done -- from doing both at the same time. But they are encouraged to do either under legal circumstances.

If a recently proposed 106-acre nudist resort for Central Pasco is approved, there will be five such resorts of varying sizes in the county, all operating quietly with a minimum of public notice.

In case you were wondering, the new resort -- featuring 150 single-family homes, 440 multiple-family units, a 100-space recreational vehicle park and an 80-room hotel -- is to be called Blackberry Lakes. The complex is planned for an area just north of County Road 583.

Pasco's sun-worshipers have always lived in comparative peace with those residents of the clothes persuasion, which is kind of interesting in a Bible Belt area where vocal groups of citizens worry a lot about what kind of books convenience stores sell and the possible satanic influence of high school yearbook slogans.

The only minor flare-up that has occurred since I have been here was a drug raid at another Central Pasco resort in the middle '70s -- where a weekslong undercover (Don't blame me, that's the Sheriff's Department's word, not mine) operation netted about as many drug users and drugs as you would get in the average college dormitory on a Saturday night.

(They were exceptionally proud of a bottle of capsules, I recall, until they proved to be what the owner said they were...vitamin C).

The residents there thought they had been mistreated for political purposes (and I agree) and invited me out to hear their side of the story.

I'm not normally squeamish about such things, and had visited nudist resorts on my own and in the correct uniform, but I, on this occasion, was clothed. As it turned out, most of the news sources there were not of the fair sex.

I have never had quite such an easy time maintaining eye contact with a source. The temptation was to join in and put myself on equal footing -- as it were. But there was a photographer present. If you have ever seen our newsroom bulletin board, you would understand why I kept my powder dry and my pants on.

A couple of years later, Wife and I went to visit City Retreat, a West Pasco sunbathers resort, on its grand opening day. Wife chose to keep her clothes on, and suggested, at verbal gunpoint, that I do the same, but we almost wound up buying a lot there.

The owner at that time, on several different occasions, turned toward Wife and gushed, "but you're soooooooo tiny," and by the third utterance could have sold us a lot, a year's supply of sun block and several shares of stock in a Lecanto gold mine.

I wish the proposed developers of Blackberry Lakes great luck in their plans. We're always restructuring beats around here, and if nudism continues to blossom, there will come a day when one reporter will have to devote full time to the resorts.

It would -- you'll have to admit -- relieve me of the responsibility of weeding through my shirts every morning looking for one that has a reasonable chance of staying buttoned throughout the workday.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

POSSIBLE KEY TO PUBLIC ACCEPTENCE OF NUDISM

Five year old looking for a four-leaf-clover. This would be interpreted as pornography by some of low intelligence, but to me this is a beautiful child doing what children like to do. Photo: Glen Miller of "The Body Shop"

By Glen Miller and Walt Huffman of "The Body Shop"

* **AUTHOR'S NOTE:** Do not read this article, unless you read it to completion and TOTAL comprehension -- partial knowledge can be harmful to our cause!

Since the practice of nudism began in this country during the early part of the century, the camera at a nudist facility has been thought to be definitely taboo. This is not without comprehension; we certainly cannot allow the indiscriminate photographing of our compatriots, wearing nothing more than their "one button suits," if the resulting photograph is used in a degrading manner, or displayed with the attitude of "look at what I was able to sneak."

Photos used in this manner could be disastrous to Dr. X, attorney Y, or even hardware store owner Z. How many "textile" husbands would allow their wives to enter their places of business? The major concern has been the fear of being hit hard, right in the pocketbook. That, for the past fifty years, has been the problem. If Dr. X, attorney Y, or hardware store owner Z knew that a photograph of them in the "buff" would not hamper their activities, or business, or social position in the textile world, most likely, they would have no objection to being in front of a lens. While behind the closed gate of a nudist facility, they have no objection to exposure to the human eye, which records an image in the human brain.

Many readers, at this point will wish to stop reading, as they are convinced that the writer must have fallen out of a tree and hit firmly on his head. But, recall if you will, one hundred years ago (less than twice the short span of American Nudism) many of our ancestors signed their names with a big X. We have come a very long way in a relatively short period of time. Consider how we have progressed in most fields in the past ten years. I know, you readers are saying, this is fine, but these guys are talking two hundred years down the road. Not so. We just have to get on the right track, and work for it. ONE STEP AT A TIME!

When I first started to allow my body the luxury of the sun's rays, and my children bathed in our secluded lake, due to a lack of water in our well, it never occurred to me to photograph them ... and what a shame, they will never be little children again. These precious photographs are gone for good, because I did not take them. Most likely, there was some type of physicological block in my mind, that did not allow the thought to come through.

The camera was available and the knowledge of photography certainly was there, as I had been into photography since high school, and especially for two years for Uncle Sam, during Harry Truman's Korean Police Action. Even the experience of photographing the nude female figure was not new to me as I had snapped the shutter, many hundreds of times, with a nude model in front of my camera. The only logic I can make of this is that the nude models were just that; nude models, and my children were nudists, and one simply does not photograph nudists!

As time progressed, fortunately I lost some of my subconscious Victorian hang-ups, as I did photograph the five-year-old daughter of one of the families living here at "The Body Shop." The photo was great, it was of a little girl, doing as little girls do; looking for a four-leaf clover -- without the ridiculous facade of clothing. I suppose there are a few in our society, who definitely lack intelligence, that would claim that this was child ,pornography. Anyone with even the slighest bit of intellect can certainly establish that this child is not involved in an immoral act and most certainly has no thoughts of anything immoral going on in her head.

Most indubitably, one can photograph the adult human in the same sensisbility as I have photographed this most delightful child. There again, if you saw this child in school or on the street, could you really identify her? I think not. The child is doing, in a very natural way, what children do. Can we not photograph the child's father, Dr. X, pitching horseshoes? A slight turn of the head is all that is necessary to avoid recognition by any of Dr. X's patients. How about the child's mother? What does she do at a nudist facility? Let's get a shot of her cooking hamburgers over an open fire; that is what children's mothers do, isn't it? There again, a slight turn of the head and one cannot really tell if the lady is attorney Y, or perhaps it is her secretary, as they both have long hair. All we can really tell is, that it is a lady cooking something over an open fire; wearing what nature intended her to wear, and is between fifteen and fify years of age.

The photographs that I have described above, would not harm the individual, even if published in the hometown newspaper (and let us hope that someday, we can do just that -- think how the membership at your local club would grow!). I am hopeful that every nudist at this point will give lots of consideration to the willingness of being photographed under those circumstances. (Do not under any condition stop reading here -- there are some **Don'ts** that will follow, and you must read on or we are all in trouble).

Photogrphs taken at a reasonably long distance can be valuable. A shot of the

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WE GET LETTERS

Dear B.I.M. and Naturists,

I'm writing to express my dismay concerning the underlined areas of the enclosed news article. The article appeared on 8/14/86 in the Cleveland Plain Dealer (front page).

I know of no naturists who condone's, or promote's child pornography, yet it seems we are constantly fighting off bad publicity, or image. News articles such as this, that include tidbits that mentally connect naturism with child porn damage our lifestyle immensely. One reason we have such a hard time winning our rights, is because of these added "tidbits," that over-zealous news writers see fit to throw in for sensationalism.

We support the exposing of child pornographers, and the consumers of their "product." All children are precious, and need to be nurtured, and guided towrds a moral life pattern. Children of naturist families are a step ahead of non-naturist children in moral attitude, and in being sensitive to the needs, and feelings of their fellow human beings. Our children are taught from birth that life is precious, and never to be exploited. They know their bodies and it's functions are not obscene in of themselves. They know lewdness is of the mind, and not of the body. Yet our young people can read these "tidbit" enhanced news articles also, and since they are young, and naive to politics, and the ways of the world, a seed of doubt about their lifestyle could be planted in their young minds. Young people today have more to confuse their minds, than in the 50s when I was young. Confusion causes unhealthy emotions, and no child, nudist, or otherwise needs this.

I get so angry, and frustrated with articles that relate naturism with human degradation, because I feel so helpless to do anything about it. After my anger subsides, I'm so emotionally drained, that a daylong depression takes over.

I live, and promote our nudist lifestyle everyday. I tell all the new people I meet how wonderful it is, and how nice it is to raise a family this way. It is so sad that there are thousands of us that are "closet nudists." If these people would simply get courage enough to tell the world how great their "closet" lifestyle is, together we could change American's puritanical outlook on nudity. Our law makers would then desire to serve "us" because then we would carry clout. If the outlook of the majority of American citizens changed, these "sensational tidbits" would fail to be "sensational," and would disappear from news articles altogether. News writers would regain some of their lost integrity, the public would be served (including naturists), and America as a whole would benefit.

When you "closet" nudist/naturists finally decide that the freedoms you enjoy, (but fail to support openly), are being taken away from you, it may be too late for all of us.

I live in a state (Ohio), where child pornography laws are the strictest in the U.S., yet I adamantly stand up for my freedoms of family right to photograph my children nude. I have written my state senator, my district congressman and included authorised reprinted articles from the ASA Bulletin. I alone though will make no difference.

Please don't think I'm patting myself on the back! We all must march to our own drummer. Many others like me have laid their job, and or, business livelihood on the line to stand up for what they believe in. Won't you please do the same?

Life is too short, and our freedoms too precious, to be plucked from us, because of the current tide of child porngraphers, and pornographers in general. As long as the non-nude public relates us to these slime, we are an endangered species.

Now that I've written this, my anger has faded, my frustrations vanished. and I feel a smile coming on.

In a parting note, my family, and I have visited the "Body Shop" in Mayville, N.Y. We found Glen, and everyone else so friendly, and quick to smile, that we decided to join their ranks as club members. It's still rather primitive, but the friendly faces more than compensate. Please visit us soon!

D. Buck Hornberger
Niles, Ohio

Ed Note:

The news article contained the telling of 15 individuals who were arrested for receiving or ordering through the U.S. mail pornographic videocassetts featuring children in various sexual activities. The underlined areas read ..."lascivious exhibition of their bodies under headlines such as "Nudist Moppets; Life Should Be a Childhood Thing," When Moppets Grow Up" and "Joy of Nudist Youth."

Dear Betty,

I have really enjoyed BIM during the past year. It is enjoyable to read and full of good information on the nudist lifestyle. My only regret is that it only comes once a month. I would read it cover to cover the day it arrives but this would leave nothing for the remainder of the month. So I space it out and read only a little each day.

Keep up the good work, and please renew my subscription for the next two years. Encolsed you will find my check for $30. Thanks again.

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Law helps little as clothes return to beach

Ventura Star & Free Press
Dave Stone staff writer

Once upon a time there was an informal, though infamous, nude beach along the county's coast.

It was just north of Leo Carrillo State Beach near the Los Angeles County line, and naked people, mostly men, flocked to this shoreline by the hundreds.

By the end of the summer of 1984, the County Board of Supervisors decided it was time the naked bathers either got dressed or moved on.

So the board turbo-charged its ordinance against nudity, giving the district attorney the option of prosecuting nudity as either a misdemeanor or an infraction, the latter being akin to a parking ticket or, at most, a speeding ticket.

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If you asked one of the 274 registered adults or 53 children for a word to describe this year's Convention hosted by Sunny Chinooks, they would have all answered with the word "GREAT." No matter what language it was answered in, the definition is the same.

Even the Board Members and Committee Chairs made sure they still had some fun left in them after adjourning their daily meetings.

As everyone who has attended a convention knows, the success of having a great time is the involvement of all fellow nudists. You get to meet a lot of new people, see how other clubs govern themselves and see miles of beautiful country along the way. Again, thank you to the Host Club "Sunny Chinooks" of Alberta!

Congratulations to Green Haven of Saskatchewan who will host our 27th Convention in August of 1987. With an early invitation to all other nudists who want to have fun, meet new people, to represent their club and see what beautiful flat land looks like, then mark on your calendar...."LET'S VISIT CANADA IN AUGUST!"

If you would like more information on Green Haven and the '87 Convention, please write to:

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A person, worthy of note, who attended our convention was a pretty girl named "Petra Schelles," a representative of the Federation of Canadian Naturists, a newly formed Canadian organization. She had with her a number of brochures and magazines as well as being a walking source of information. If you would like any information on this new organization they can be reached at:

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Well, if you've gotten through all this then you probably need a cup of coffee, as I do! (Or a hot tub, if you have one, which I don't!)

Thank you for your time.

Ken Welsh,
Public Relations
W.C.S.A.

P.S.

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ESA ADOPTS MAIL BALLOT

Naturist Rochester Newsletter 8/86

The Eastern Sunbathing Association at its annual General Assembly this summer, voted to use a mail ballot to elect its Board of Directors and ASA Trustees and to decide important issues. This will allow all members who so desire to take part in the affairs of the organization. It will free General Assemblies for special interest workshops and for committee meetings to develop issues to present to the membership and to devise strategies to implement policies. Almost all delegates supported the change to mail ballots.

ESA members may circulate petitions to nominate individuals for ESA Director and ASA Trustee positions and place issues before the general membership. Details will appear in **The Bulletin.** One petition now being circulated would replace the royalty pageants, now a part of all conventions with a ceremony recognizing the contributions of individuals.

Until now three individuals representing the three largest ESA clubs have been able to dictate all ESA decisions. Now all members will have an equal voice. Clubs will no longer elect delegates to General Assemblies; any ESA member may attend and speak. The ESA mail ballot system is a prototype for an ASA mail ballot which should follow as soon as its success is clear.

The Rochester Naturist Society has supported the mail ballot idea for several years. Morley Schloss, who helped develop the new system, has been appointed chairperson of the ESA legislation committee which will oversee its implementation.

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September was another wet but busy month. The new landfill was spread and we gained enough space to accommodate three more trailers. Our little trailer park has increased into a big trailer park and can accommodate more visitors. New bathroom facilities were constructed on the west side of the beach and that very scenic area will be rapidly populated next season. The removal of the big ash and oak trees in front of the showerhouse was completed and two loads of gravel were delivered, singnalling the start of the new clubhouse. Since there was such a large increase in membership as well as visitors it was decided to install a good-sized whirlpool at the same time.

Right now the fall season is upon us and the trees are showing up in their colorful splendour. The loons are getting ready to go south and overhead the Canadian Geese noisily make their way to their winter homes. It is very still here in camp, the lake is glittering in the afternoon sunlight. Thinking back one wonders where summer has gone.

Now the last chores to close down the camp have to be done, winter is coming closer. Our photo shows yours truly working on the new washroom, it will be ready when camp opens in the spring.

Our regular salute and appreciation to BIM from a small club up north for understanding and caring.

Hans, Maria, Rose-Marie

OLIVE DELL RANCH
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Colton, CA 92324

It has been a fast and busy summer, too fast in fact. Someone once said time goes by faster as we get older. I don't like to admit it, but it must be true. Just because summer has 'officially' ended doesn't mean to put away the lounge chairs, sunglasses and stay home. To the contrary, we have events scheduled all year round. We are on the 'sunny side of the mountain' and that is a big help during the winter months, we keep our sun longer during the day. We not only have the cabins (heated), we also have a very nice 24' trailer fully equipped for those who might like to take a winter vacation. Our restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast lunch and dinner, we do close early on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but the rest of the week we are open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

We are considered a small club, but that is small in amount of members only, certainly not small in spirit, support and friendship. We have a fine Membership Board and they work hard to see that Olive Dell is a better club for us all. Your input is always welcome and encouraged.

So don't forget Olive Dell is also a great place to spend your winter.

The Kilborns

November 15th Western Day - We are trying to put together a Hay Ride, check with us as time draws near - we will have a Sing-A-Long and Square Dancing - Weinie Roast and lots of fun.

November 22nd - Saturday Thanksgiving Dinner - served in the snackbar. Make reservations now AND stay for the Turkey Shoot Dance.

FORTY ACRE CLUB
RT. 1 Box 41
Lonedell, MO. 63060

Forty Acre Club held the NNC Convention in July and because of the national press coverage the United States Postal Service closed the club's post office box without notice. The new club address is Rt. 1 Box 41, Lonedell, MO. 63060. We are sorry for all the people who had mail returned.

The club has started a new local Public Relations drive with merchants, and meetings with the mayor and the chamber of commerce. The local ice company provided an ice machine and the buck a bag honor system worked very well. It looks like the club might be one of the largest accounts for the ice company.

The club has installed a new deep water well to provide a greater water supply and the new clubhouse should be ready by summer.

Darrel Raymond

TIMBER TRAILS
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This is a tale that will reaffirm your belief in the essential goodness of man and exemplifies the spirit of cooperation within the nudist movement.

At the Labor Day Meeting of Empire Haven, their members decided to hold a dinner to raise funds to assist Timber Trails in recovering from their fire disaster. To help in finishing Timber Trail's new huge clubhouse. On September 27th, Empire Haven held a spaghetti dinner and forwarded the proceeds to Timber Trails. There are a lot of phsychological ups and downs in recovering from a total wipe out disaster such as our fire, and Emprie Haven's check arrived at just the right time to boost us out of one of the worst down periods.

Needless to say, Timber Trails is aware of the effort and planning that must have gone into Empire Haven's dinner. The proceeds check was pretty large, so there must have been a lot of people involved. We want to take this opportunity to say **"Thank You All."**

In previous newsletters we have stressed the need in the nudist movement for cooperation, not only between landed clubs, but also between travel groups and the "Free Beachers." This demonstration of warm-heartedness and caring, from Empire Haven will be held in the minds of Timber Trails for a long time to come.

Bob & Jane Fields

ARIZONA WILDFLOWERS
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All of the Widlflowers who were at Rawhide Ranch headed down the road to Treehouse for the ASA Convention. We were met there by John and Carmen, to make the total number of Wildflowers at Treehouse a nice 14! There were dances and other activities every day - never a dull moment. Treehouse had a fiddle player and a guitar player who did their thing every night in the Oasis Lounge. It is always OK for anyone who wants to join them to pull out a "musical" instrument and play along. Well - I'm here to tell you that the Arizona Wildflowers are the "Spoons" champions of the convention, with the unbeatable duet (or is that duel) of Carmen and Elizabeth! Those two gals kept the feet tapping and the hands clapping every time they played their spoons. Even Bill Flesher, the old pro, had a hard time keeping up.

Wildlfowers again entered the Best Newsletter Award, this time, though, in the Over 100 Members Category. (Any club in the United States and Canada with 100 to 250 members is in that category). I am pleased to tell you that we came home with the award! We will need a trophy case soon!

The most fun thing at the convention was the "Wild Olympian Flowers" potluck on Saturday evening. Totally impromptu, it was a mixture of a group of Wildflowers and a group of Olympians, who had so much fun that they are looking for a way to do it again. As the Olympian motto says - "Good Times Naturally!" And it sure was.

SOUTH TEXAS SANDPIPERS
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The South Texas Sandpipers recently had one of their famous beach parties on South Padre Island, as one of their weekly activities.

Charles Reese, president of the South Texas Sandpipers, Americas southern most Nudist Club reported a good turn out.

South Padre Island has one of the countries last hassle free beaches. Beautiful sand dunes and warm 86 degree water further enhances one of the worlds finest beaches.

Winter Nudist's should consider the "Lower Rio Grande Valley" as their house this winter. Situated on the border (eight miles to Mexico) near McAllen, the Sandpipers hope to soon be landed and be able to accommodate visiting R.V.'s. Until then Nudists/Naturists are urged to send S.A.S.E. to the Sandpipers, and they will help them get reservations at regular R.V. parks.

ROUND-UP

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PARADISE MOUNTAIN
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Paradise Mountain acquired a new freezer, thanks to Rich for offering it to us so reasonably. We bought Chuck a microwave oven, so between these two new appliances and the refrigerators, Michael purchased for the club, we will be able to offer a limited, but practical food service to next years visitors, especially to those who rent our cabins. Our members and visitors are to be commended for their hospitality, because no visitor has ever left hungry with all the people willing to share their meals, and the unusual amount of covered dishes. Members are welcome to continue this practice as long as they are willing to post them and organize it. The clubs "Covered Dishes" will be posted in the Camp Store. We will also host an Ice Cream Social in '87.

The trail to the Paradise Mountain Ravine was clearly marked this year and many visitors were able to locate the entrance. The waterfalls were beautiful, and a photographers delight due to all the rain this past summer. The view from our swimming pool is a spectacular mountain view.

Our new cabins went over very well this year and we rented them throughout the summer and fall and as usual the fall foliage was beautiful. Next year we will have a trailer available for families, with cooking facilities, which will make a weeks vacation very pleasant. And thanks to Michael, we were able to accommodate families this past summer, by renting his pop-up.

New for 1987 - We are starting construction on the sauna which should be ready for use before Memorial Day. Following completion of the sauna we will start construction on a clubhouse it will include a deck. A new water supply source and electricity to the additional campsites, along with new playground equipment are planned this year also. Later in the season we will add two additional rooms to the Nudist Information Center. This fall everything got a new coat of paint. A good portion of the road was resurfaced.

We will host a Wild Foods Festival (Foraging Festival) again next summer, but it will be reservations only. Cost for the event is $10, plus normal camp fees. Paradise Mountain is also offering a Juniors Camp for children. Before you consider sending your children to another camp next year, consider sending them to Paradise Mountain for an experience they'll never forget!

Gloria Marryatt

THE SEQUOIANS
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Sequoians who traveled to Rawhide Ranch for the annual W.S.A. Convention really had a great time!

The theme of the convention was "Space Fantasy." Rawhide did a low key but effective job of decorating the grounds and arranging activities to match the theme. The highlight of the activities was the Variety Show featuring performers "from across the galaxy." The performers included a troop of "Moon Maidens" who were not exactly light on their feet. They had the audience rolling in the aisles (more accurately on the grass). The dancing "faces" were also a scream, it's amazing what you can do with the human anatomy and a little body paint. The Rawhide members who participated are to be congratulated on their imagination, talent and nerve.

Camping alongside the lake (Sea of Tranquility for the convention) we were in an ideal location for all activities, and were even serenaded by bull frogs at night and ducks as an alarm clock in the morning.

Thanks to Mike Sebastian and his screened room tent even the bugs were not a bother to us after the sun went down - thanks for bringing it!

The convention itself was a tremendous success and W.S.A. President Beverly Price was very pleased and said this was the biggest W.S.A. Convention yet with over 800 in attendance. With this large group plus a membership of over 620 members itself, Rawhide should receive a big "thank you" because of how nice and smooth everything ran; they really did a super job!

The Sequoians had great representation at all levels throughout the convention. Peggy O'Conner was crowned Queen of the Royal Family; Kevin O'Conner, Mini Prince; Todd Sebastian placed in six events; Kelly Sebastian first in the Treasure Hunt with teammate, Inez Norman, and second in swimming; Kelly O'Conner first in her swimming division; and Mike Sebastian first in swimming. All in all, Sequoians did very well and showed everyone what a good time Sequoians can have. My thanks to them all!

Next year's convention will be at the Swallows near San Diego, July 30th to Aug. 2nd. Mark your calendars now and arrange your vacation schedules so you, too can enjoy all the fun a convention has to offer.

See you there!
Sharon Sebastian
Larry Tabat

The "Kachina Cruiser" glides slowly through the azure waters of Padre Bay. It is fall and Captain Jim and I are enjoying a leisurely cruise together -- alone at last.

As we reflect on our 3rd season of houseboating on this spectacular canyon waterway we can still hear the sounds of laughter and happy times aboard. Sunbathers in all shapes and sizes have come and gone from the spacious top deck. The foredeck still shudders from an impromptu 50s party. Guests from Lupin Lodge in California to Sun Meadows in Arkansas have explored with us.

Four couples who had never met, experienced seven beautiful days together aboard the "Kachina Cruiser." Lasting friendships were formed as they discovered the twists n' turns of Lake Powell.

July 4th weekend found three of us CWA couples together in a sandy cove outside of Labyrinth Canyon. We watched each morning as two hard-working sheep dogs brought their trusting flock to the waters edge across the Navajo Reservation.

Roadrunner Naturists from New Mexico joined us for three days in August just prior to the WSA/ASA Conventions. Director Dave Schmiedicke thinks three days is just long enough to get a person hooked on Lake Powell -- he's coming back for at least five days next time.

While rounding a bend in West Canyon with the Arizona Roadrunners we captured an unusual sight on film. A coyote suddenly appeared on a sloping canyon wall, jumped into the water and swam across the narrow canyon in front of us. He disappeared just as quickly as he had appeared, up another slope leaving only a trail of dripping water behind him. That too would disappear before the next boat load of explorers entered the canyon.

Canyon Waterway and Glen Eden members were treated to a spectacular waterfall display along the Escalante River Arm during a summer squall.

Jardin del Sol and Arizona Wildflowers returned for their 3rd annual Labor Day Weekend adventure. Each trip different than the last, this time we enjoyed the many faces and surprises of Face Canyon in the "Kachina Scout."

With Glen Eden members we discovered a Navajo Indian cowboy's hogan nestled in behind large boulders along the main channel. Too bad we didn't get to meet the cowboy -- but we did meet "Old Snort Lips" -- his black eared, gray, guard mule!

CWA members joined folks from Shangri La Resort outside of Phoenix and a delightful young man from Utah for a fun filled outing in September. What better way to celebrate the last night out than a fish fry on the beach and roaring campfire.

Now we can't exactly remember just how many pots of cowboy coffee we've brewed, how many hands have helped turn the ol' ice cream cranker, nor how many Dutch ovens full of "Canyon Crunch" were enjoyed. We will remember though, all of our old and new friends who have ventured with us the past three seasons. If you've never experienced a Canyon Waterway Adventure -- hope we'll see YOU next season!

Yvonne Coffman, Crew
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California's golden summer is turning to blazing autumn, and Bill and Fran Flesher are showing off their fall collection. The Fleshers are emphasizing skin tones and a weather-beaten look, with love handles, veins, a bulge here and there, a sag where appropriate and whatever else nature gave them. For the Fleshers, California's middle-aged gurus of nudism, clothes do not make the man or woman, and fashion is strictly a tangenital issue.

There are times, just a few, when the aptly named Fleshers have to put aside their inhibitions about putting on clothes, for instance when they're tossing a backyard bash at their Treehouse Fun Ranch. It usually isn't much of a fashion statement -- an old terrycloth sweatsuit for Fran, shorts for Bill -- but it doesn't thrill them. "The only reason I've got these on is that I keep running in and out of the bar, and the law says I gotta be dressed back there," laments Bill, 51. "Otherwise, I'm nude pretty much of the time."

The Fleshers weren't always naked. Of course, they were born that way, just like the rest of us, but it wasn't until 1963 that they became interested in nudism. They had been invited over to another couple's house for a swim one summer afternoon in the San Fernando Valley. When the Fleshers arrived, their friends announced that they were nudists and asked Fran and Bill if they minded swimming without suits. "I thought to myself, 'Well, I guess that's okay,'" says Bill. "All the kids, boy, they just popped right in. My wife and I were a little uncomfortable at first, but, God, it was great."

Enjoying their liberation from clothing, the Fleshers accompanied their friends to a nudist resort near San Diego, leaving their five children behind. When they got there and met a couple who had brought their five children, they turned right around, made the three-hour trip back to their Canoga Park home and returned with the kids.

After the excursion, the Fleshers warned their children not to say anything about it in school. The next day, however, their youngest daughter, Vickie, rushed home from kindergarten saying, "Mommy! Daddy! I didn't say anything, but the little boy at my school -- he's one of us!"

From then on the Fleshers, parents and children, adoped the clothes-free life-style wholeheartedly. "Fran and I were never that affluent," says Bill. "We sometimes had a house that had only one bathroom. It was natural for the kids not to wear clothing."

John Flesher, now a fireman in San Bernardino, Calif., recalls that when he was going through the trauma of puberty, his parents gave him the option of wearing clothes. "I was 11 or 12 at the time, and my parents said if I didn't want to be a nudist, I didn't have to. I said, 'Okay,' and it lasted about 30 minutes."

Now John and his siblings are raising their children in the family tradition. And why not? Bill and Fran Flesher are, with the one exception of their rather meager wardrobe requirements, very mainstream. They have been married for 33 years. They are both hardworking, church-going folks who voted for Ronald Reagan twice and believe in God, the family and the American way. "Most nudists," says Bill, "are just real good people."

It was their belief in traditional values that prompted the Fleshers to leave their home in suburban Canoga Park in 1972 to move to Devore, just north of San Bernardino on the highway to Las Vegas. At the time long hair and drugs were becoming popular in the high schools of the San Fernando Valley, and the Fleshers wanted out. "I didn't want my kids getting involved in that," says Bill. So they took over the Treehouse, which had been a nudist camp for decades.

Although the property was run-down, the Fleshers saw potential. "I told Fran that we could just build a home, remodel the pool and make a tennis court," says Bill. "Then I got here, and I thought, 'well, I'll just put in a new water system and this and that.'" There turned out to be a lot more construction than they had bargained for. "It was quite a trying time," says Bill, "but six months later we opened it up as a family nudist camp again, and we had 500 people on the grounds that day."

Since then the Fleshers have continued to build business through a variety of sales gimmicks. They host the Mr. Nude-International-USA and Ms. Nude-International-USA every year, as well as such annual extravaganzas as the nude chili cook-off and a nude spaghetti sauce contest. "People think it's a big orgy type of thing here," says Bill. "Men think they'll have an erection; women think they'll be uncomfortable. The biggest shock here is the utter lack of shock."

Both Bill and Fran think there just aren't enough people going the nude route. "The nudist movement hasn't grown as fast as it should have," says Fran, 49. "It's 55 years old now, and there are so many potential nudists on the beaches."

At last count, about 150 people, including 30 or so children, made their year-round residence in the Treehouse's mobile homes, living their dream of a better life through fewer clothes. But if the Treehouse is Utopian, it isn't democratic. "Democracy stops at the front gate," says Bill Flesher. "Inside it's a benevolent dictatorship with just one dictator -- me." What a pity he didn't say he was an emperor. Then we could have said -- without a hint of irony -- that the emperor, in this case, has no clothes.

--Written by Michael Neill, reported by Todd Gold

Couples

THERE'S ALWAYS A FULL MOON WHEN BILL AND FRAN GO RIDING

On their Southern California ranch, the Fleshers sit tall in the saddle.

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Bay area naturists prepare to reveal plans

Clearwater Sun
Sept. 22, 1986
By JACK REYNOLDS

EAST LAKE -- Public nudity, out of sight in Pinellas County for the past few years, may be on the rebound.

East Lake resident Robert Grahn, a past president of the Beach Travel Club, a major naturist club in the Tampa Bay area, predicted last week that change is on the way.

Grahn admitted that nudism locally suffered some setbacks in 1983 and 1984, when citizen complaints and stepped-up law enforcement eliminated it at places such as Honeymoon Island.

Tampa Bay nudists are planning to get back some of the status they had before the crackdowns of a few years ago. "We'll be doing things. I don't want to tip our hands now, but you'll be hearing about it next summer." Grahn said a few days ago.

"We didn't actually drop out of sight," he said. "We just decided to avoid confrontation. We thought if we said nothing, the opposition would go away and we'd regain what little freedom we'd had. The opposition didn't go away, so now we've got to move forward."

Public relations is a major problem, Grahn feels, and he blames area newspapers and TV stations for seeking out the spectacular in the nudity question -- while pretty much avoiding the facts.

"We are not asking for the right to walk around nude on Clearwater Beach," Grahn said. "We are not even asking for nude beaches."

"All we are saying is that a small portion of the public beaches here along the Florida Gulf coast should be designated 'clothing optional' beaches."

Grahn would like small, secluded parts of the coast set aside -- "not the main tourist beaches."

People who don't like public nudity could easily avoid such places, he said. "Those of us, mostly families, who enjoy the naturist life, would be sheltered from the curious."

Grahn sees some ironies in the anti-nude stand. "They want their freedoms, but they want to deny us one of ours. The other strange thing is that I know there are a lot of naturists out there who sympathize with us. They are just afraid to say so."

The East Lake man says he knows a number of wealthy businessmen and some politicians -- "in this county" -- who are nudists. "They support us privately, but don't want to risk their careers by coming out publicly for our rights."

In Grahn's opinion, there are some two million nudists, or nudist sympathizers, in Florida alone. Several years ago, during the uproar over nude bathing at the tip of Honeymoon Island, Grahn and two friends gathered 1,612 signatures in a 3½-hour petition campaign on the island. "That many signatures backing our right to a small piece of the beach -- then the police chased us away."

He thinks if "clothing-optional" beaches could get on a state referendum, "we'd win."

Grahn's Beach Travel Club is affiliated with the American Sunbathing Association (ASA), a national nudist organization based in Kissimmee, near Orlando. Arne Eriksen, executive director of ASA, doesn't share Grahn's aggressive approach to resolving the nudity question.

In a telephone interview last Friday, Eriksen said he thinks "clothing-optional" will eventually have its day. "It will come first on federal parklands and beaches. There is no federal law against nudity," he said. "The problem on federal land, particularly here in Florida, is that law enforcement is in the hands of city and county officials. They oppose us. They react to the complaints of our opposition -- mostly religious groups. Our time will come."

Eriksen doesn't think it will come through confrontation.

"We tried that a couple of years ago. We got a lot of publicity and many of us thought that was great. What it did was draw the opposition out in greater numbers, plus it brought along the strange ones. We had non-nudist men coming to the nude beaches bothering people. We had the fully-dressed curious walking by and staring."

He favors getting public acceptance quietly, slowly. "Although," he said, "if someone like Pat Robertson ever became president, you can say goodbye to the nudist movement."

Grahn is more optimistic. A businessman, he's also practical. His group has prepared an eight-minute film they are trying to show to chambers of commerce and other business groups. The centerpiece of the film is the economic impact nudity has in Europe, where tourist centers cater to the movement.

"Some 50 million Europeans are nudists," Grahn claims. "In West Germany alone, there are 10 million. Recent statistics from Spain show that European nudists visiting Spanish resorts contribute $60 million annually to the Spanish economy.

"Those people, and their money, should be coming to Florida," Grahn said.

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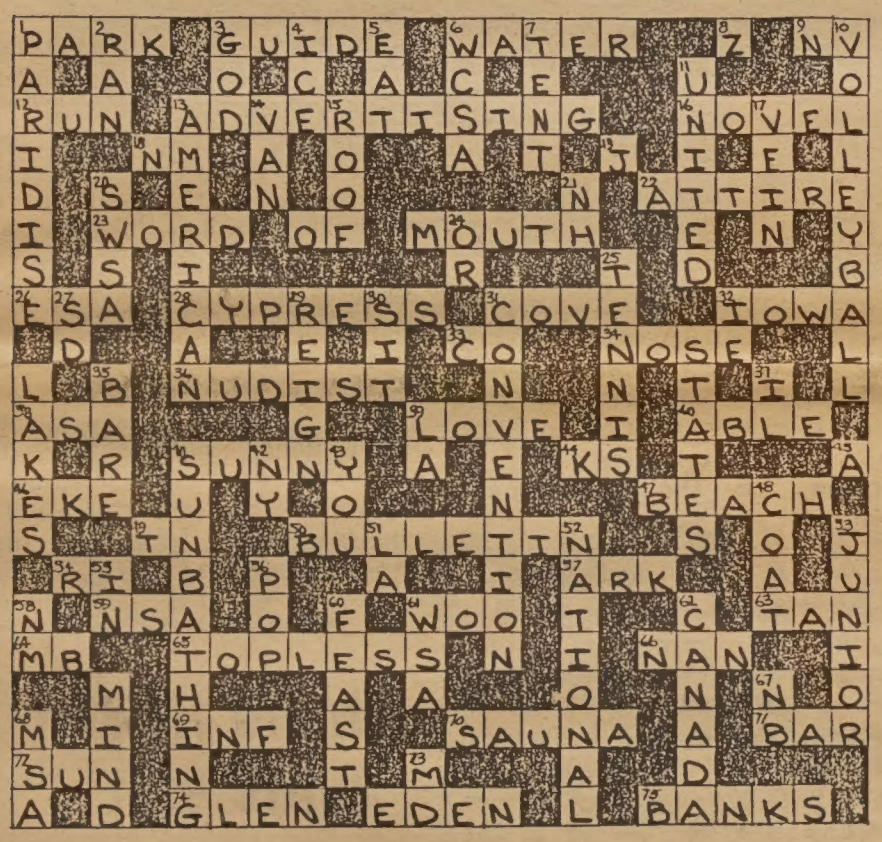
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The Nudist Information Center, branch office, which handles the East Coast and Canada has been built. It is a new two story building here at Paradise Mountain Nudist Park. The upstairs is an apartment for year-round use and the first floor is a permanent office for nudist information.

The dedication was Labor Day Weekend along with an Arts & Craft Show.

Newspapers in several states have been carrying stories concerning the center for a year and National Nude Weekend was the opportune time to publicize our lifestyle. Gloria Marryatt had the opportunity to do live interviews with many radio stations across the state, concerning, pornography laws, child abuse, abortion (that's what they asked, our position on abortion), the Meese Commissions report and how it might concern nudism, and much more. Gloria was asked what she would do if pickets arrived at the gate. "Here? I don't think anyone is going to picket us." Reporter: "What would you do if someone gave you a problem?" Gloria: "We have a good rapport in this community. I would call the sheriffs office and have any trespassers arrested." Reporter: "Have you had a good rapport with the Otsego County Sheriffs Department in the past?" Gloria: "Yes, very good, they come immediately. "Our community welcomed us before we purchased the land, they wanted our business here."

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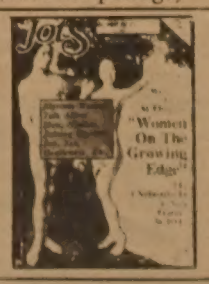

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TROPICAL AEROGRAMME

GUADELOUPE, BARTHELEMY, PERTH

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Exclusive report from Guadeloupe naturist leader Jean Rocquemont, founder of official beach nudity in the American hemisphere (1964); arrested and convicted for "public outrage of modesty" (?) at nude beach near Club Med, 1986, for opposing the powerful private corporation's attempt to control a public beach. Plus a note on Saint-Barthelemy Island, within the Departement de Guadeloupe but far away. The colonel's elegant anglais has been shortened and altered, losing charm but perhaps gaining clarity:

Comment by Tahanga: French law may mystify Nor-americans, at least outside Quebec and Louisiana. Apparently the Napoleonic statute (article 330 C.P.) still applies everywhere: on the bridges of Paris, on the nudist Isle du Levant, and in Guadeloupe and Reunion. But clearly policy differs from one place to another: Pointe Tarare is an "official" nude beach; while the nudist beach on Reunion is unofficial but tolerated. Furthermore, topless is banned somehow (territorial policy? local by-laws?) in the rural areas of Nouvelle Caledonie, outside the city of Noumea and certain resorts. The statute, world-wide in application, makes no provision for executive local authorities to exempt certain beaches or zones. On the other hand, perhaps it is vaguely worded like most British statutes; so our side could argue that identical nudity may be "outrageous" on the streets but not on a beach where naturism enjoys official recognition? Rocquemont looks to Amnesty International for help, but in vain.

The case must be appealed through the French legal system, eventually to Paris; with lawyers recruited by FFN (the Federation Francaise de Naturisme! But will FFN help beach nudism, or will they ignore it as ASA formerly did? Perhaps Nor-Americans (especially Quebecois) could nudge FFN? Ask what they're doing, if anything? Donate to a French legal-defense fund? (Does anyone care about Guadeloupe? If so, let's hear from ASA, the Naturist Society, and the Federation Quebecoise de Naturisme!) Meanwhile, send a donation to ANGECEPERT, Boite Postale 1152, Pointe a Pitre F-97182, Guadeloupe, French West Indies.

The code pénal (criminal code) was voted by the Parliament of the French Empire in the first decade of the XIXth century; article 330 forbids "outrage public á la pudeur "but does not define what it is; this article had never been modified and may be enforced anywhere in French départements and territoires. Under the reign of Napoleon the First, bathing suits were unknown; they appeared in England in the twenties...and spread to the continent. The French courts enforced article 330 against bathers wearing no bathing suit. But the sentences followed the evolution of French public opinion.

Since 1930 the article 330 is no more enforced against bare-breasted men; since 1974 it is no more enforced against bare-breasted women. But many bathers, "wild nudists," were and still are sent to a court for public lewdness ("outrage public á la pudeur") on secluded beaches where they did not expect to be seen by other people. The penalty usually is a fine (between FF 500 and FF 1000).

We have a lot of obsolete laws. For instance it still is illegal to wear clothes of the other sex. But one and a half centuries ago, under the "liberal" reign of Louis-Philippe, an opportunity was granted to women to wear trousers: the woman had to send her personal reasons of wearing trousers to the Préfet of her département; if the reasons were good enough, the Préfet could allow her to (inside the limits of the département); this rule has not been cancelled, but no woman is ever prosecuted for wearing trousers without the permission of the Préfet....

When I went to Guadeloupe (1963) for professional reasons, river baths were much more usual than sea baths; bathsuits were quite rare; until ten or eleven the kids were not ashamed of being nude; older bathers used to keep some underwear if somebody else than their relatives was around. A captain of the gendarmerie told me that it was out of the question to prosecute nude natives, but white people from abroad could be: they were not expected to be too poor to buy a bathsuit.

As I was trying to open Guadeloupe to nudist vacationers, I needed more security for them. At that time the Préfet, who stands for the national government in any département, was a much stronger man than now (the French administration was largely decentralized in 1981). Préfet Albert Bonhomme and I made an agreement in November 1964: the gendarmerie squad of Saint-Francois will be ordered not to prosecute or harass the nude bathers of Pointe Tarare: as a counterpart I promised to let the French and foreign naturist federations know it and to do my best to attract their members to Guadeloupe for their vacation, to welcome them on the site, to make their holiday enjoyable.

As this first attempt was quite successful, such agreements were clinched between next Préfets and me about other beaches of which the last ones (1972 and 1973) were Plage des Galbas and Anse Bourdel (Sainte-Anne, along hôtel Caravelle which was not yet a Club Med resort) and Baie Orientale (Saint-Martin, behind Hôtel Le Galion, a beach along which Club Orient was built a few years later). When the Institute géographique national road map of Guadeloupe was recast in 1974, the tourist bureau of the Préfecture gave the list of these ten "plages naturistes" to I.G.N. which showed their location on the new map.

But the traditional policy of Club Med all around the world is to restrict the use of the beaches along their resorts to their own guests wherever it is possible, to preserve these beaches from all strangers including natives. The two Club Med resorts of Guadeloupe, Fort-Royal (quartered now by a compagnie républicaine de sécurité, no more a holiday resort) and Caravelle, are located along nude beaches.

Our Association naturiste guadeloupéenne pour l'enseignement concrete de l'écologie, la protection de l'environnement et les relations touristiques (Angecepert) has always fought for the free access of the beaches, therefore Angecepert is the foe #1. Against us Club Med is trying to find any ally: churchmen, politicians, etc. But Gilbert Trigano, Club Med chairman, a former secrétaire d'Etat (vice-minister) in the Fabius government, is not a member of the Chirac one (in charge since March 21, 1986). At least two ministers, probably four, support me; in early August Bernard Pons, minister of oversea departments and territories, came to the beach to form his opinion. Of course many people here and abroad support me. Their support is helpful, but most important for me is support at the government level.

This affair (Rocquemont arrest near Club Med) is unique, unprecedented. According to a professor of Law at the local university (Université des Antilles et de la Guyane), nobody has ever been convicted in Guadeloupe for just bathing on any beach (even a "textile" beach) in the nude. According to Fédération francaise de naturisme, nobody had ever been convicted anywhere in France for bathing in the nude on a beach where nudity is officially allowed (usually by a mayor).

But on April 9th the public attorney relied on the principle of "séparation des pouvoirs" to proclaim that no member of the executive power is entitled to interfere between the law (legislative power) and the court (judicial power), to decide that a law must not be enforced here or there, in such or such case; and the court openly agreed with his point of view. If the sentence is confirmed, or made worse, by the Cour d'Appel, this jurisprudence will become a heavy threat for the future of nude bathing on the French beaches: anybody would become able to send any nude bather in front of a court to be sentenced, as long as the Parliament does not vote a legal procedure to designate a clothing-optional zone.

I know that in Saint-Barthélémy, where the mayor has forbidden nudity twenty years ago, a few nude bathers had the choice, ten or fifteen years ago, between paying a small "amende de composition" (a fine directly paid to the policeman) or being brought to the court; all of them preferred the first term of the alternative and avoided the trial. As far as I know, the nude bathers of Anse du Gouverneur and Anse de la Grande Saline, on the south shore of Saint-Barthélémy, are never more harassed. Elsewhere in Guadeloupe, there are a few dozen of small coves where nudity is common and tolerated without having been allowed by a Préfet, unlike the ten beaches above mentioned.

Coming up soon: reports from Marshall Islands, Fiji, Israel (two), Kosrae (where??), Philippines (two), etc. Stay tuned for the nudes.

Try to visit North Swanbourne Beach near Perth, Western Australia, for the annual NSB Olympics on 11 January 1987 -- plus preliminary yacht races, leading up to the grand battle for America's Cup in February. Your best flight is round-trip from Singapore (or HK or Bangkok) to Perth and back, on an east Asian airline. Never buy air tickets in Oz, as the government keeps prices artificially high to protect Qantas ("quaint-arse" in Strine) from world reality. Enjoy southern sun from December thru March: as the tee-shirt says, "It's what's down under that counts." This may be your last chance to view the historic Cup, before they melt it down to make Australia's Plate.

'Kia ora.

Male nudist wins suit against camp

San Francisco Chronicle 9/25/86

LOS ANGELES -- A male nudist who sued the clothing-optional Elysium Fields for sex discrimination announced Wednesday the Topanga camp will no longer charge men more than women to cavort in the buff.

The agreement settles a Superior Court lawsuit filed Sept. 3 by Alejandro Crespi, 56, a Pasadena law book salesman who quit Elysium to protest its discriminatory pricing structure.

"This certainly says they are sensitive to the changing society and they recognize that their policy is outmoded and it's time for a change," Crespi said.

"It's one small battle in a larger war of changing society's attitude toward men and women."

Crespi claimed the camp's pricing violated the state Unruh Civil Rights Act, which forbids sex discrimination in businesses. Elysium charged men $175 and women $125 for annual membership and

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1987 THE NATURIST'S YEAR

by TOM KELLEY

Two hundred years ago a document was prepared which created the foundation for a country where people could be free to think, to speak, to create, to change, to grow, and be free to attempt to advance the intellect and joy of humanity. From that point on it has been a continuous battle to maintain the ideals set down on that paper. Regression has occurred and is still occurring. The naturist movement has been a victim of some of these regressions for the past several years, but we are now beginning to speak out for an understanding of our belief. We may be busted, we may be fined, we may be imprisoned, we may be ridiculed, but until textiles can be premanently attached to our bodies we will not be stopped, we will not conform to our opposition's dangerous attitudes toward the human body. It is an obligation we owe to the men who created our system to fight for understanding.

When a minority or majority forces viewpoints on others by legislation, legal harrassment, or financial threat, the structure of our society is in danger. When communication is stifled, the threat of getting heard by unhealthy, terrible means comes one step closer. The King of England would not listen, the Czar of Russia would not listen, and the closed minds go on and on throughout history as governments crumble and new ones rise up. We continue to be threatened, but the Constitution of the U.S. has stood up for two centuries, longer than any other. Naturists can celebrate the 1987 anniversary of this document by demanding our freedom. We must join those who stood up and fought for freedom in Rochester New York, Cape Cod Massachusetts, and Venice California during 1986.

We are the oppressed in America. We have a good cause with many benefits to be reaped by society by its acceptance. We are not forcing people to go nude. Our opposition is forcing us to remain clothed unreasonably. They are forcing their intolerance of the human body onto to us by intimidation and punishment. And they are creating an environment of exploitation, sexism, deviation, and epidemic disease by their fears and fables. We have an obligation as sensitive, caring human beings to fight this and change it.

This is not a revolutionary idea we are promoting. The precedent of naturism has been established in Europe and Australia. It works. It is not what the ignorant espouse. It is healthy. It is freedom. It is American. But it hasn't arrived here yet. 1987 would be the ideal year. As we renew the meaning of our country's origin, let us assure that the tolerance and understanding of naturism is part of next years' agenda.

I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions. But laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, instutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.
--Thomas Jefferson

TOPFREE RIGHTS - A POEM

How should we go about
getting our rights?
Should we lock up our doors
and turn out the lights?
Keep our mouths shut
and wait patiently
For men to make laws
that tell us we're free.
Well, hell will freeze over
if we wait for that day
We then go about it
in an unorthdox way.
Oh, how shocking it is
What a horrible sight
To see bare-breasted women
in the park in daylight!
We must change the laws
these archaic ideas
That women are different
and men not their peers.
And maybe someday
We'll be able to say
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by Diane Beaty of Rochester N.Y.
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THE TOPFREE 7

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"THIS IS A SERIOUS TRIAL"

Rochester N.Y. 9/15/86
TIMES-UNION
By Marie McCullough

Sports Illustrated magazine's popular "swimsuit issue" was Exhibit A today in the trial of seven women who were arrested for baring their breasts in Cobbs Hill Park.

The women, who call themselves the Topfree Seven, took off their tops three months ago to protest a state law that prohibits women -- but not men -- from doing that in public.

The seven women contend, among other things, that the statute violates their constitutional right to equal protection under the law, while promoting "an unhealthy obsession with breasts as sexual objects."

As their trial began today before City Court Judge Herman J. Walz, he cautioned lawyers, witnesses, reporters and others in the courtroom not to make any wisecracks.

"This is a serious trial," Walz asserted. "I expect people to treat the case with the seriousness with which the defendants are approaching it."

Assistant Public Defender Lawrence Kasperek, who represents topfree leader Romona Santorelli, used Sports Illustrated in attempting to show that the "exposure of a person" law is vague and overly broad.

Kasperek asked Rochester Police Sgt. Louis D'Angelo to look at a model in the Feb. 10 Sports Illustrated. D'Angelo was asked to say whether the model, windsurfing champion Jenna de Rosnay, would be breaking the law, which bans women from showing any part of the breast beneath the top of the areola -- the dark ring around the nipple.

In the picture, de Rosnay sports a clinging, wet bathing suit through which her areolae are plainly visible.

"Could you describe the picture?" Kasperek asked.

"It's a woman," D'Angelo answered.

"Well-said, officer," Kasperek said, smiling.

D'Angelo -- and three other Rochester policemen who testified about the protest and resulting arrests -- said de Rosnay and another model featured in the issue would not have been violating the law.

"She's got a T-shirt on, " Capt. Robert Tacito, commander of the Highland Section, said of de Rosnay.

"Isn't her breast exposed?" Kasperek asked.

"It depends what you mean by exposed," Tacito responded. "If you mean unclothed, no."

Assistant District Attorney Thomas J. Brilbeck, who is prosecuting the Topfree Seven, repeatedly objected to the line of questioning, but was overruled by Walz.

Brilbeck, who said he would attempt to prove that the women removed their tops and thus violated the law, completed the presentation of his case this morning. The case resumed this afternoon.

The defense plans to present testimony from an anthropologist, nudists and a local breast surgeon, as well as the Topfree Seven.

Other Topfree members Nikki Craft, Kathie Reilly, Deborah Seymour, Elise Tooley and Lynn Zicari are being represented by attorney David Moss. The seventh topfree member, Mary Lou Schloss, is representing herself.

If convicted, they would face possible maximum sentences of 15 days in jail and a $250 fine.

Kasperek expressed the defendants' belief that the law is wrong.

"We will show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the law is guilty of a far greater crime than the defendants," he said.

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KATHIE REILLY BEING PLACED IN POLICE CAR

STATUS QUO ON TOPFREE SEVEN TRIAL

Rochester N.Y. 9/16/86
DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE
By John O'Brien

Just as Susan B. Anthony knew she would be arrested for civil disobedience 114 years ago, seven women wanted to be arrested for exposing their breasts three months ago "to challenge the status quo," the leader of the group testified yesterday on the opening day of their non-jury trial.

Ramona Santorelli, the first of the seven defendants to testify, said the women stripped to the waist June 21 at Cobbs Hill Park "because women have been the subjects of exploitation, have been viewed as sexual objects for so long."

Yesterday's proceedings were interrupted by disagreements over semantics.

After five Rochester police officers had testified, Santorelli's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Lawrence L. Kasperek, asked to approach City Judge Herman J. Walz Jr.

Following a brief conference at the beach, Walz said that "several defendants were offended by the officers' reference to them as 'girls.' I will allow the witnesses to use the language they are accustomed to. It is not such outrageous conduct that I would ask them to refrain from using the term."

And when the trial opened, Walz pointed out that he had consulted a dictionary to get the correct pronunciation of "areola" -- the pink or brown area around the nipple -- but that he would accept any pronunciation during the trial.

Spectators in the courtroom laughed following Walz's remark, but he quickly scolded them.

"I've probably heard all the jokes that can be told about this case, but this is a serious trial," Walz said. "I expect people to treat it with the same seriousness with which the defendants are approaching it."

The women planned the protest at a time when they knew the case would be assigned to Walz, whom they viewed as the judge most likely to issue a decision in their favor, said David R. Moss, a lawyer representing five of the women. That approach is commonly used in planned acts of civil disobedience, he said.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas J. Brilbeck called eight police officers to the witness stand, and completed his case by yesterday afternoon. The trial is expected to last at least until Wednesday.

Expert witnesses for the defense, including two phychologists, a medical anthropologist and nudists, are scheduled to testify today, along with more of the defendants. The experts are being flown in from around the country, with their transportation costs paid for with donations to the womsn's cause.

A local breast surgeon who was scheduled to testify in support of the women has withdrawn for personal reasons.

In cross-examination yesterday, Kasperek presented several of the officers with defendants' Exhibit A, the Feb 10 "swimsuit issue" of Sports Illustrated magazine. ...

Santorelli, 28, then took the stand as the first witness for defense. Brilbeck asked her on cross-exmination if her intent in the bare-breasted protest was to be arrested.

"In light of this being the hometown of Susan B. Anthony, who also knew she was going to be arrested for challenging the status quo, yes, "Santorelli testified.

Defendant Mary Lou Schloss, who is representing herself in the trial, told Walz in her opening statement yesterday that the women were challenging the law because it "contributes to an unhealthy obsession with breasts and women's bodies."

TESTIMONY ENDED MORE NEXT MONTH

Next month Beachhead will continue coverage of this trial. Although the testimony has ended, no decision has been reached. There has been some very thought provoking statements made in the proceedings. We will try to inform you of these for possible future use in your area. We hope to have a verdict from this and the Venice trial in the next issue.

SUPPORT THE TOPFREE 7

IN MAD CITY, BARE BREASTS NOT LEGAL NO-NO

From: The Capital Times
Madison, WI. June 27, 1986

By David Callender
Capital Times Staff Writer

The naked truth, city officials admit, is that no city ordinance currently bans women appearing topless in public.

In fact, according to Assistant City Attorney Larry O'Brien, there is currently no city ordinance regulating public nudity.

O'Brien said a Madison ordinance controlling public displays of breasts and both male and female genitals was allowed to lapse after it was declared unconstitutional by Dane County Circuit Court Judge P. Charles Jones in 1981.

The issue of a woman's right to go shirtless -- the same right now enjoyed by men -- has received renewed scrutiny because of a recent criminal case in Rochester, N.Y.

Local advice columnist "Ursula Understands" also has received a spate of letters as women -- and some men -- got their grievances off their chests.

"I got a wonderful letter from a woman saying she had a much harder time getting men's pants off than their shirts," Ursula said.

"I mean, what's the big deal about breasts? When did this fascination with breasts start?" In the 1920s, she noted, flat-chested women were in vogue, but now, "breasts seem to be a comment on our womanhood."

On Saturday, seven women -- including feminist Nikki Craft of Oshkosh -- held a "topless picnic" in a Rochester city park and were arrested and charged with exposing their "person" under a law enacted in 1967, in which the original misdemeanor offense was listed as "exposure of a female."

The New York women say they will try to have that state law declared unconstitutional based on the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and a similar provision in New York's constitution that guarantees due process and equal protection, under the law.

Although Madison's nudity ordinance is no longer in effect, O'Brien said there is a state law banning "lewd and lascivious behavior," which includes public display of genitals.

O'Brien said he isn't sure exactly where the city stands on the issue at present.

What would Madison police do about a topless woman walking down State Street? "We're really talking about a hypothetical situation," responded Capt. George Silverwood. "The (city) ordinance is pretty gray."

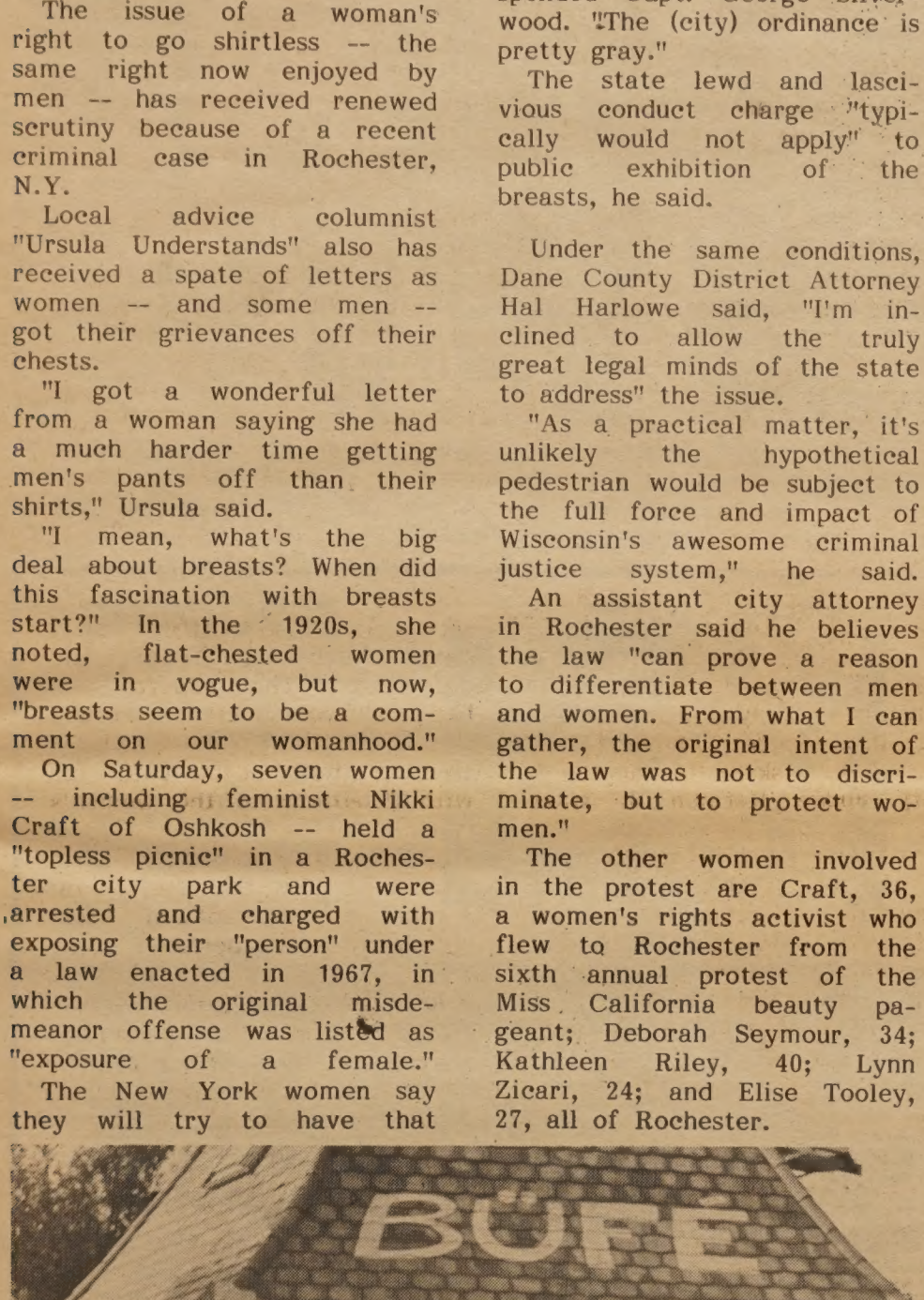
The state lewd and lascivious conduct charge "typically would not apply" to public exhibition of the breasts, he said.

Under the same conditions, Dane County District Attorney Hal Harlowe said, "I'm inclined to allow the truly great legal minds of the state to address" the issue.

"As a practical matter, it's unlikely the hypothetical pedestrian would be subject to the full force and impact of Wisconsin's awesome criminal justice system," he said.

An assistant city attorney in Rochester said he believes the law "can prove a reason to differentiate between men and women. From what I can gather, the original intent of the law was not to discriminate, but to protect women."

The other women involved in the protest are Craft, 36, a women's rights activist who flew to Rochester from the sixth annual protest of the Miss California beauty pageant; Deborah Seymour, 34; Kathleen Riley, 40; Lynn Zicari, 24; and Elise Tooley, 27, all of Rochester.



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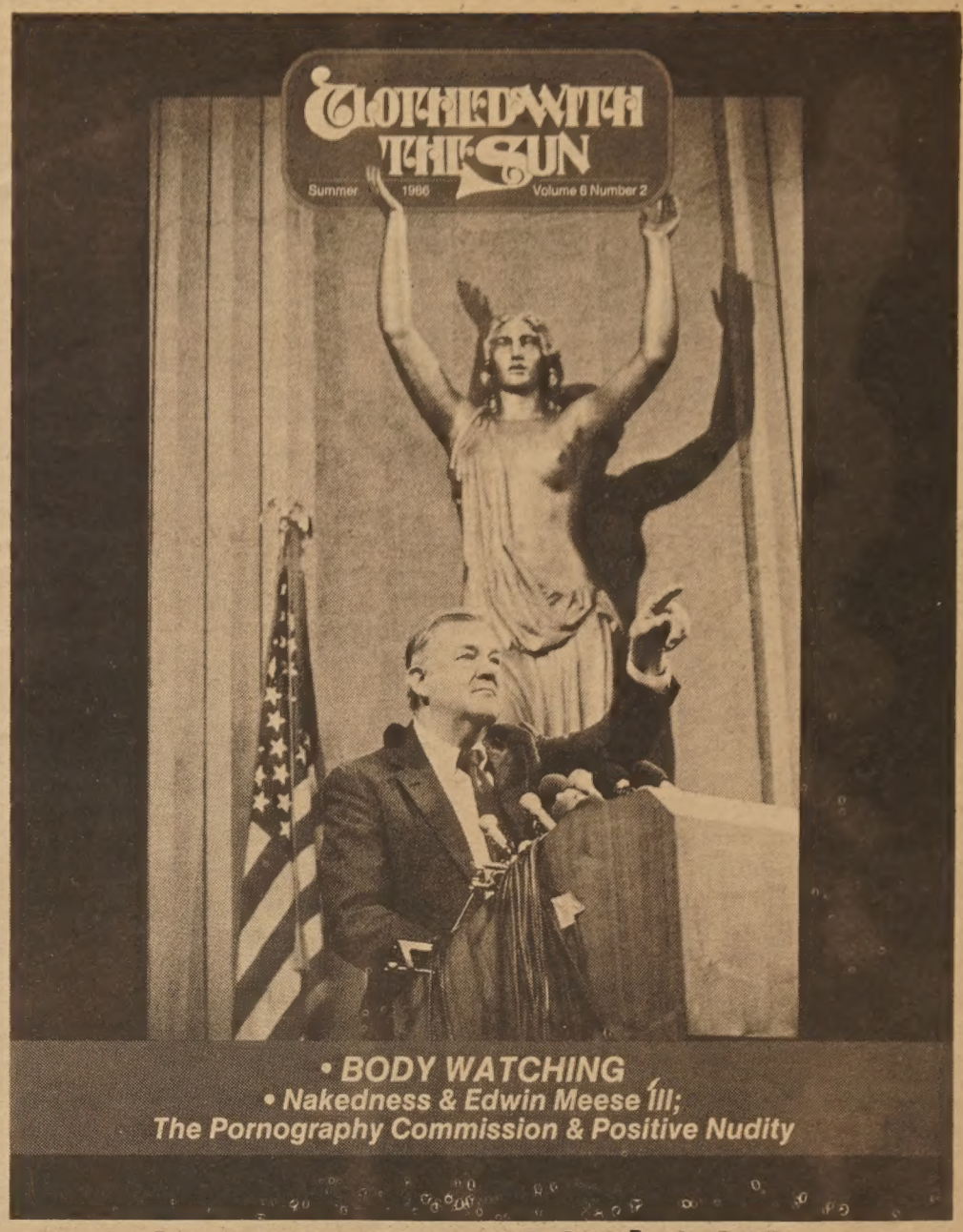
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"CLOTHED WITH THE SUN" IS OUT

The new issue of 'Clothed With the Sun' from The Naturist Society features handsome color photography and timely news and discussion, says editor Lee Baxandall.

"Of great interest to every nudist and naturist is the coverage of the Report of the Meese Commission on Pornography," he states. "The Commission has raised many questions that need hard thinking and creative responses from us all."

Baxandall said this provocative CwS "starts strong right on the cover. U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese is shown accepting the Report on Pornography beneath a half-naked statue of Justice. Why is this?"

Also in the issue is extensive photo coverage of the summer. Featured are California demonstrations at Venice Beach and Berkeley and others that created topfree zones or test cases in Missouri, Iowa, Massachusetts and New York.

"If you consider the features on feminist naturism and topfree rights which are written by Michelle Handler, Nikki Craft, and other women risking themselves on the beaches, this issue is a 'must' - a landmark issue," Baxandall said.

Trends, letters, and major photo discussion of "Body Watching" by author Desmond Morris and critic Nina Silver round out the issue. Single copies are $5. Subscriptions with membership are $25. Contact The Naturist Society, P.O. Box 132, Oshkosh, WI. 54902.

AUGUST 31 VENICE BEACH ACTION FACT SHEET

(This information was prepared by combining actual witnesses statements, together with video and photos taken almost continuously at the scene).

1) A press release was put out by "Dave" (William T., age 55) and wife Suzy (age 50) stating that at 3:00 pm Sunday, Aug. 31, Labor Day weekend, they would march from the Nudist Information Center booth at the foot of Brooks Ave. in Venice to the waters edge and across the section of Venice Beach which was formally a legal clothing optional area. This was a planned public statement by nude appearance to gain public support for a legal clothing optional area, and by means of a planned arrest, have a case to take to the courts to challenge the ordinance against beach nudity.

2) Police were fully informed, and twice that day were told also that Dave was just recuperating from pneumonia, which with only one lung left from cancer, was in serious physical condition. After July 13, 1986 planned arrest at the same location, the case was dismissed, so another arrest was necessary to get into the court system. The local police knew the Davises from their weekend booth all summer, and the very orderly, peaceful arrest in July, when they told the onlookers not to harrass the police.

3) Announcements were made to the people visiting the booth about the coming "March to the sea" and asking people to join in as a vote of support, but not asking anyone else to go nude--that this was only a "Public statement" and a planned arrest of these two people to take their cause to the court.

4) Police told them they would make arrests at the first display of nudity, so Dave and Suzy--promptly at 3:00 pm as announced--told the people, "let's go; just follow us" and walked toward the beach. People along the way joined in, and a police van stayed right behind the Davises, still clothed.

5) At the water's edge, the group turned and walked along the beach to the location that was a legal clothing optional area, and Dave made a statement of their cause and intent before they removed their clothes. Immediately police moved in (some without shirts on , that had mingled with the crowd) Dave was hit on the shoulder so hard it started to bleed, and grabbed from behind and thrown to the ground. His wife tried to stop them from hurting him, knowing his weak physical condition, and kept yelling, "Don't hurt him!" Police threw her to the ground, and handcuffed her. A policeman pushed dave's face hard down into the sand; another kicked him in the shoulder while two officers were on his back. Officers on horseback (at least eight) were firm in having people move back from the arrest scene. One onlooker kicked sand at the police and was promptly handcuffed.

6) At no time were the Davises told they were under arrest, or read their rights. They were wrapped in blankets and Dave was so weak he had to be helped to the police van. Supporters were given wrong information of which police station he would be taken to, so of course bail was sent to the wrong place.

7) Charges were filed against Dave for resisting arrest, and against Suzy for assault on a police officer.

8) Police had prepared for a riot-at least eight mounted men, seven squad cars, three fire trucks with water cannons. The Davises handling of the action made the crowd realize this was a peaceful demonstration, no riot-type action occured. All that was necessary was for one policeman to say "your under arrest" and the Davises would have their day in court to test the law.

CREDIT WHERE DUE

There are many people who contribute to this paper. We receive articles and photos from many sources. Some contribute regularly, some only once or twice. All of these people are of great help to Beachhead. These are the people who rekindle our spirits when we are nearing burn-out. These are the people who inspire us when our energy is about to expire. These are the people who keep us going.

Everill Taggart sends us clippings from many papers every month. These are extremely valuable to us. We find quickies among these and we see trends and new directions from this information.

Leif Heilberg, Charles Finley, Happy Jack, Irene Shannon, and others have been submitting photos and articles for years. Lee Baxandall and The Naturist Society staff have been extremely supportive. And all of the groups who have sent their newsletters from which we reprint information are sources of valuable material. It all comes together as Beachhead.

Space and time limits what we can get in, so some of what we'd like to get in doesn't, but we file most of the material for reference or future use.

Last month we attended a meeting with the press set up by the Libertarian candidates. You saw an article submitted by Irene Shannon and photos provided by Marshall Brown. We took some Polaroid photos which didn't come out too good so Marshall said he would send copies of what he had taken. Within two days we had many excellent photos. In our haste to layout the October '86 issue we omitted photo credit on the two pictures from the conference. We want to give Marshall and all the others credit for their help, because without it there would be no Beachhead.

You too can help keep us informed by sending news clippings, or your own articles and photos for use in Beachhead.

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3. Accept the ticket. Get clothed. Do not use negative attitudes.
4. Fight in court, if possible. It's safer.
5. Send a copy of your citation to Oshkosh to help our research and Documentation.

SKINNYDIPPING - As American apple pie.

CATCHING MORE THAN SUNBEAMS IN HUNGARY

PHOTO - LEIF HEILBERG

Next month Bare-In-Mind begins an article with photos on Naturism in Hungary. There is something fishy about the fact that naturism hasn't caught on here in the U.S. The Hungarian family above can peacefully enjoy this freedom.

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MYKONOS - MEDITERRANEAN NATURIST PARADISE

THE MEDITERRANEAN'S NATURIST PARADISE

By Leif Heilberg

The birds are chirping happily in the glory of the morning sunlight, and the wind - a stiff breeze - chimes in around all the higher structures which are gleaming white, square, and flat-roofed in the local architectural tradition. It is Mykonos, Plati Yialos Bay, and we enjoy the standard continental breakfast served in Greece, namely a tall glass of diluted orange juice, Nescafē (or tea) with sugar and cream, and bread, butter, and jam.

Except for an international conference, there is hardly a place where more languages are heard. Danish, French, English, German, Dutch, Swedish, and Greek of course, come at you from all directions in the lovely Cyclades Islands. It is truly a harmonious Babylon where all comers seek out and enjoy much the same plethora of vacation pleasures, sun, sea, fresh air, shopping in boutiques, tasting the local cuisine, and the beach life which is largely clothing-optional here.

We are in the suburbs here, at Hotel Argo, overlooking the bay from this rocky island dotted with square white homes. Mykonos is one of the most popular tourist centers in the Cyclades. Legends say that the island took its name from the hero Mykonos, son of Ania, decendant of the god Apollo and the nymph Rhio. History tells us that the island's first inhabitants were the Carians from the west coast of Asia Minor.

PHOTOS: LEIF HEILBERG

THE RESORT AT MYKONOS

Today, Mykonos is a charming maze of narrow lanes bordered by glittering white houses and churches. Since Mykonos has some 400 churches, on many streets the chapels are more numerous than houses. In the town (Khora-Harbour) one can visit the Archeological Museum, the windmills, the square of Tria Pigadis "the church of the cat" in Laka and stroll along the Esplanade. During the day one can browse the many shops for fashion, jewelry, souvenirs and locally made woven items. At night the town comes alive with a variety of entertaining diversions. Restaurants, bars, and discotheques have gained Mykonos a reputation as a well-known international entertainment spot.

For a pleasant day-long excursion, the sacred island of Delos is only a half hour away by boat. Although it is virtually uninhabited, it boasts historical treasures of inestimable value.

Our hotel complex is the closest one to Paradise Beach - except for the one erected by beach access owner Fredy, himself. So, our hotels are located on beautiful Plati Yalos Beach, 3.5 km. from town. All of the modern and comfortable rooms are equipped with telephones and music systems, and from our balconies in Hotel Argo we have an expansive view of the entire bay.

Very conveniently, city bus service is provided to and from town every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. until 1 a.m. Several adjoining beaches are within close walking distance, and boat service is available every half hour to most other beaches, like Paradise, Super Paradise, Agrari, and Elia. These sandy beaches offer water sports and amenities to enhance one's vacation pleasure: water skiing, windsurfing, jet skis, and most important of all, clothes-optional beach life.

Every day, many hundred tourists having rooms in town, take the bus to Plati Yalos and from there transfer onto converted fishing boats for a short trip to Paradise Beach or to one of the next ones over. Paradise Beach is also accessible by private car via a circuitous route, but rather few visitors use this means of access. This beach is popular, not only for its beauty and amenities (Fredy's restaurant, hotel, and camping), but also for the clothes-optional lifestyle practiced there.

An overview of the beachgoers would determine that approximately 10% to 20% are nude, 70% are topless, and the balance dressed in bathing suits. Despite these statistics, it does not appear evident that larger numbers of gawkers (voyeurs) use the beach to get eyefuls of naked flesh. According to Fredy, the only individuals giving trouble are Arabs who frequently will demand to know where the girls are that can be bought. Those denizens of backwards and repressive societies fully equate nudity with sex and don't understand why the nude young women on the beach should not be available for sexual pleasures.

Although the beach access property has been in the hands of Fredy's family for generations, it is only in the last 15 years that Fredy has gradually constructed and expanded the amenities adjoining the beach. Before that, only handfuls of tourists would use the beach, hardly justifying any investment in services. The Greek Orthodox Church also gave the nude beachgoers a bad time, bringing in the cops to make arrests ever so often.

Following a visit by then Prime Minister Karamanlis on his yacht to the Paradise Beach bay, a subsequent meeting of Fredy with the archbishop of Greece, and also a meeting with an official in the interior ministry in charge of the national police, and a final visit by the local superintendent of police to Paradise Beach, the persecution and hassles have ceased entirely. Since 1976 there has been peace and quiet and no interference from the outside.

Besides the restaurant, hotel, and large camping grounds, Fredy has also installed a supermarket (called "mini-market"), a convenience store carrying all kinds of promotionally imprinted items like t-shirts, caps, tote bags, etc., etc., as well as suntan lotion and all the other sundries expected in a well stocked store in town. A kiosk (news stand) with a large selection of foreign and domestic magazines and newspapers is next to the convenience store. An ice cream stand, a bar, and a separate snack bar are also available to the visitors. Inexpensive safe-boxes can be rented in the office, and toilets and showers are in the back.

The restaurant itself is a first-rate operation, with more food options on command than many downtown eating places. Prices are reasonalbe for local conditions, and outright

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SCUBA DIVING PREPARATION

PRACTICE AT THE BEACH

MYKONOS continued

cheap for foreigners. You find salads of all kinds, hot dishes (fish, veal, lamb, pork, beef, etc.), desserts of a variety to make your mouth water, milk, chocolate milk, soft drinks, mineral water, beer, wine, etc. Even if you are not hungry you'll want to eat, when such a delicious variety of goodies is presented. For accommodations, write Paradise Camping, 84600 Mykonos, Greece. Phone (0289) 22852 or 22937 or 22025.

Snorkeling, spear fishing, and scuba diving - the latter via Petinos Diving Club operated by Lucas Bistarakis - is also available at Paradise Beach. Lucas' enterprise is centered at Petinos Hotel in Plati Yalos Bay and also has a stand on Paradise Beach. His rates are much lower than those of other companies, whether foreign or domestic, and he emphasizes - but does not insist on - the naturist approach, swimming and diving nude with the necessary equipment. Underwater photography is given emphasis, so most students end up both learning to scuba dive, and getting nice underwater pictures to take home. An assistant diving instructor is experienced in using a Nikonos underwater camera and takes the beautiful pictures of the student in the deep blue yonder. The beauty of this blue wet world is such that all students are amazed and enthusiastic when surfacing from the dive. For an experience beyond the normal beach life of sunbathing, splashing in the shallow water, and snacking at the restaurant, try the unparalleled world beneath the surface. With an expert and friendly instructor like Lucas, anyone will find it easy and fun to become a diving fan. He gives step by step instructions, starts off the students in the shallow wading waters of the beach, and gradually progresses to slightly deeper water (2 meters - 7 feet) as the students absorb the technique and are at ease with previous steps of instruction. Only more advanced students are taken to greater depths. So welcome to the nude world beneath the sea!

Fredy spends much money to keep the beachgoers happy. Besides providing clean and fully functioning facilities, he throws parties every so often, and full-moon masquerade balls every four weeks. A British band provides music, free sangria is distributed, and prizes given for the five best costumes. At the one we attended, the Mayor of Mykonos, Mathios Dactylidis was present with his wife, his brother Tony and his wife, a journalist from the local newspaper, and several other local personages. The place was jammed and everyone had a marvelous time. Lee Baxandall, president of The Naturist Society, had a half-hour interview with the mayor - a very straight-forward and unpretentious man of friendly persuasion - together with Fredy, the mayor's brother, and the journalist. It was firmly established that the mayor was fully in favor of naturism and would like to welcome even more nude sunbathers to this fascinating and photogenic island. Futhermore, he extended an unequivocal invitation to The Naturist Society to hold an international free beach congress here, whenever we can arrange it, one of the next few years. He promised to give it his full support.

With 4500 residents on Mykonos, and 18,000 tourists during the season, it becomes crowded during July and August. It would therefore be best to hold a congress here in June or September, the shoulder seasons. With five clothing-optional beaches on the island, and with Paradise Beach being the biggest, the best, and the most comprehensively equipped as well as easily accessible, it becomes a natural choice. In favor are all the princials,, the mayor, the manager, the business community: with a slick invitation to Paradise like that, who are we to say no!

On the way to Mykonos, passing through Athens, you might find it to your advantage to stop by a travel agency which quickly and inexpensively takes care of all your transportation needs. Speak to Vasilios Elmatzoglou, of Leisure Travel Advisors and Shipping Agency, Ltd., 5 Iperidou Street, Syntagma Square area, Plaka district, Athens. Phone 32-55-049, 32-49-172, 32-49-174, 32-49-179. Telex 22-5787 LTA, GR. Tell him you read it in this article, and you expect him to give you the best deal ever.

NEXT MONTH

We begin an article on Hungarian Naturism in the December issue. Naturism in Hawaii after that.

MEDITERRANEAN BEAUTY

PHOTOS: LEIF HEILBERG

ICE CREAM TIME

LEE, FREDY, AND TONY AT FULL MOON BALL

EUGENÉ CALLEN MEMORIAL FUND

from THE FREE BEACH NEWS
ROLIN BRUNO, editor.

Established in April of 1986, this legal action fund seeks to overturn laws against beach nudity in California, with an initial target of the Los Angeles City ordinance which has served as a model for the laws passed for other jurisdictions. It is named for the founder of BeachFront USA, and is admisistered by a board of ten recognized leaders in the nudist, naturist, and free beach movements. Donations to it are handled openly, with names of donors not wishing to remain anonymous published in the nudist press. Any amount from one doller and up is accepted, and the fund recently has passed the $2400 mark. More donors are needed, because a court action taken through the appeals process can easily cost $30,000.

TO CONTRIBUTE send your donations to The Eugene Callen Memorial Fund c/o Cec Cinder, P.O. Box 328, Sunnymead CA. 92388.

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

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Come join us for a fun, exciting and great New Year's and help us ring in "1987" in style!!!

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The Fleshers get the bare facts from Ms. Nude contestants. Bill, who likes to work in socks and boots, does many of the chores around the 53-acre spread himself.

Photographs by David Strick/Onyx

"Nobody wears a lot of jewelry or fancy clothes," says Bill (at home, with Fran and Fluff). "What counts here is the person."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

NOVEMBER

27-30.....HARVEST FESTIVAL * GAMES * HAY RIDE DANCE
27.....THANKSGIVING POT LUCK DINNER

DECEMBER

7.....JAM SESSION
13-14.....HOLIDAY PARTY * SANTA CLAUS DANCE * TRIM TREE
24.....CHRISTMAS EVE POT LUCK DINNER
25.....MERRY CHRISTMAS
31.....NEW YEAR'S PARTY DANCE "HAPPY NUDES YEAR"

LIVE BAND EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

LETTERS

Dear Bill,

A few years ago when we first went into nudism we visited several nudists parks' in Southern California. The friendliness of you, Fran, Mom and Wally, plus your members convinced us Treehouse was the place for us.

Your help today in towing us out of the loose dirt was greatly appreciated. You and your entire Treehouse Family make us prowd to say, "Yes, we are nudists and we belong to Treehouse."

Yours truly,
Vardon & Emily

Dear Bill & Fran,

Again, thanks for the wonderful time at your Treehouse Ranch last week!

I enjoyed your hospitality and friendship and the visiting with other ASA people so much that I never left your grounds for the eight days I was there -- and I came fully intending to take trips!

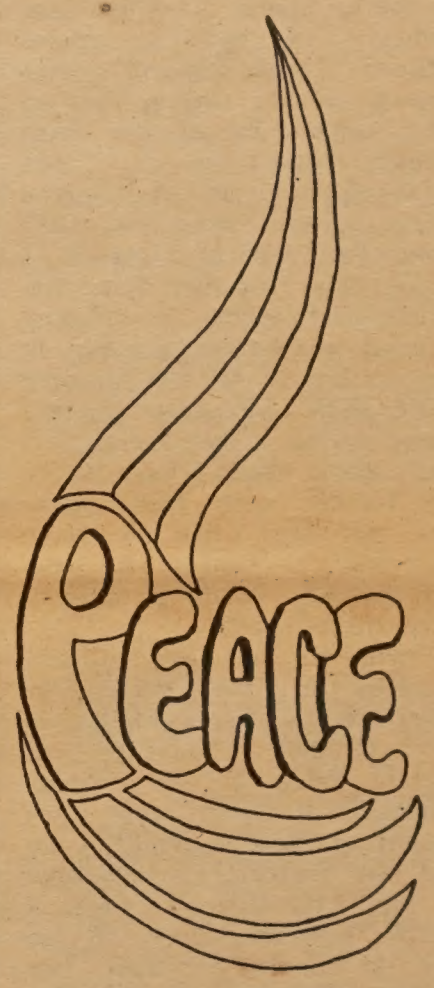
Very best wishes to yourselves, your fine family, and your great staff.

Sincerely,
Ralph Kinison
Seattle, Washington

Dear Bill & Fran,

Six and one half months ago the Treehouse Fun Ranch was a haven to many tired peace marchers. We remember you gratefully. Please remember us on November 15th.

With love and peace,
Mary Jroewaher
with the Peace Wave



"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed ... Our security is the total product of our economic, intellectual, moral, and military strength ... There is no way in which a country can satisfy the craving for absolute security -- but it can easily bankrupt itself, morally and economically, in attempting to reach that illusory goal through arms alone."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

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CLOTHING OPTIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL NEEDS

By Turner Stokes

TO THE EDITOR: Here is a statement I submitted in Boston. My oral statement was a bit different. Response was favorable with questions and dialogue,

Naturally,
Turner Stokes

A statement to the PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON AMERICANS OUTDOORS. ON APRIL 3, 1986.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Commission and all others present at this hearing, I am happy to address you as president of National Capital Naturists, an affiliate of the The Naturist Society and also as a member of the Board of Directors of The Eastern Sunbathing Association, a Region of The American Sunbathing Association. The Naturist Society and The American Sunbathing Association together represent over forty thousand card-carrying members, many of whom are members of both of these national organizations. According to the Gallup Poll of 1983, some 15% of the adult population of the U.S. has "skinnydipped" in a mixed gender group while a 1985 Roper Poll reports a figure of 18%. This means that the actual participants in clothing optional recreation number in the millions, a far greater figure than represented by the card-carrying members. I really don't think I have to go any further with these numbers to feel that I have presented a convincing case for outdoor clothing optional recreational needs.

I will try not to duplicate material in the statements submitted by Chris Phelps in the Orlando hearings or Beverly Price in the Phoenix hearings. If you were not present at those hearings, I am sure the material is available in the Commission's files. I would, however, like to go over a couple of their key points. Beverly stated her belief that skinnydipping is an American Tradition. If you remember the old Saturday Evening Post cover by Norman Rockwell depicting youngsters skinnydipping at the "old swimming hole," you might agree with us that we should think of skinnydipping as the fourth "American as."

The original Magna Carta of Nudism, written in 1930, bears repeating also. It states, "Under proper safeguards and for the public weal we demand: The setting aside of at least part of our public beaches, parks, picnic grounds and recreation centers where nudists may freely live the natural life in the open." We believe firmly in the wholesomeness of the human body. We believe that our lifestyle, in an appropriate setting, can be a healthy example to others.

Chris pointed out the availability of private facilities that cater to naturists and contrasted them with the different recreational needs that are served by the clothes optional beaches, such as Moonstone Beach in Rhode Island, Sandy Hook in New Jersey and Playalinda in Florida. He also brought forth the issue of fairness. Since we represent a significant proportion of the users of public recreation facilities, shouldn't a portion of them be set aside for us to share with those that are tolerant of our lifestyle? Warning signs could be erected to alert those who might be offended. This is what is done in many European countries and also in many of the Caribbean countries where you find nude beaches. There are, I understand, a couple of exceptions, but otherwise you will find no officially erected warning signs in this country.

Other than the lack of warning signs, how else do we compare with other countries, especially the European and Caribbean ones that tolerate nudity on some, or in the case of Denmark, most of their beaches? Not very well, I'm afraid. Because there exist pockets of ideologically inspired intolerance in this country, we have seen many of our traditionally clothes optional beaches closed off to us either by what we regard as misapplication of existing laws or by enactment of laws specifically designed to close off the beaches to us. Many tourists that come to this country regard us as a backward and provincial country in the sense of clothing optional recreation.

Many naturist families in this country find themselves planning vacations abroad. France has an entire tourist city devoted to clothes optional living at Cap d'Agde on the Mediterranean Coast. The banks, the stores, the restaurants, the street, the whole city is clothes optional. I understand that the French government was heavily involved in the planning for Cap d'Agde. It's an effective way for them to attract tourist dollars. Italy, Spain, Greece, Yugoslavia, Jamaica and other countries either have or are planning similiar facilities.

What can we learn from the European and Caribbean countries, other than that clothing optional recreation can attract tourist trade? I think that the most important lesson we can learn is that what we in this country perceive as problems with clothes optional recreation are either not problems or are very short term problems. Take the belief that voyeurs (we call them gawkers) could be a problem. In countries where clothes optional recreation has reached the point of actual public acceptance, the problem, if in fact it ever was a problem, has disappeared. And for the clothing optional beaches in this country, The New England Naturist Association created "Free Beach Etiquette." If you look at the copy of it provided with this statement, you will realize that high standards are maintained by the typical users of nude beaches in this country.

Although the Gallup Poll indicates public acceptance of the idea of nude beaches in this country, emulation of the European and Caribbean experience is going to be difficult without the cooperation of agencies outside of the clothing optional movement, such as this Commission, and agencies within, such as The Naturist Society and The American Sunbathing Association. A coalition of the afformentioned agencies and other recreation and tourist oriented organizations could be set up for the purpose of initiating the actions necessary for providing more facilities for clothing optional recreation in this country. More of our big-city newspapers and other mainstream publications may be willing to feature articles about our lifestyle as we progress.

In order to encourage this course of action, I would like to offer a few examples of cooperative action that have already occurred. For the past four years The National Capital Naturists have been involved in organizing and participating in naturist volunteer projects on Assateague Island for both The National Park Service and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. I understand that the New England Naturist Association has been involved in similar projects involving beach preservation, conservation and management at Moonstone Beach. More often than not we find ourselves working hand in hand with non-naturist conservation oriented groups. Members of naturist organizations, including myself, have been in touch with federal, state and local public officials to state our concerns, solicit suggestions and offer our help.

To sum up, what we are proposing is a cooperative effort involving both private and public interest groups. We believe that there are significant clothing optional recreational needs that, together, we must all cope with. We stand ready to join you and others in the dialogue that will put clothing optional recreation in its proper place in the blueprint for the future.

INTERPRETATION GALLUP POLL ON NUDE BEACHES RELEASED

The Naturist Society

As the advocacy voice of the 3/20th of the U.S. population which already participates in nude recreation, we're providing the Gallup Poll results for immediate public release.

We've been networking the continent's nude beachers since 1976. We knew there were a great many of us, that we were no cult or tiny isolated minority -- HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS VERIFIED PROOF.

1. Three-Fourths of Americans Approve nude recreation sites already in existence. (SO WHY DO SOME PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS STILL TRY TO DESTROY TRADITIONAL SKINNYDIPPING?)

2. Two of Five Are Today Ready to Give Over A share of Public Lands for nude recreation. (THIS BACKING MAY WELL EXCEED THE PERCENTAGE FAVORING DESIGNATION OF HUNTING LANDS)

3. Over 30 Million Of Us have Skinnydipped in Mixed Company (WHO SAYS AMERICA IS SO PURITANICAL? AGAIN, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS & LAW OFFICERS

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THE INTERNATIONAL NUDIST

By Barry Plaxen

VACATIONS FOR HOTELAPHOBICS Hotels, resorts, motels, cruises, etc. -- all are popular modes of vacationing. But there are some people who do not like those atmospheres even if they are warm and friendly, as are most Nudist/Naturist resorts. Of course, condominiums are popular too, as are regular apartment rentals. But what if you want the advantage of a condo/apartment, but wish to travel with other people so that the clothes optional activities are more sociable?

Then a villa vacation is what you are looking for.

Villa vacations are not for people who do NOT want to have fun. When a group of villas are reserved for clothes optional vacations, the congenial groups that descend upon the villas are always made up of the usual warm and friendly people you might meet at your club or on your local beach. Facilities always include swimming pool, sometimes even a beach, sometimes two or three pools, a complete staff to do the cooking, cleaning, and even gardening to keep the lovely flowers healthy and alive to delight your eyes. Rooms are always spacious and comfortable. Some complexes hold up to 24 people. Children are often welcome. Your choice of dress for dinner is the norm, i.e., wear whatever or nothing.

Group villa vacations are always organized to give you a variety of services such as airport/villa transfers, car rental vehicles, all food and drink, sightseeing tours AND dinners out! And the most important item, your free choice not to do anything but sit, sun and swim.

Because villa vacations are limited to availability, there are some things one should know about them. First, they are not offered throughout the year, but only at specific times. Second, most groups ask for non-smokers. Third, the usual "single person" problems are in evidence so the trips are recommended for couples and families, though sometimes they are open to singles.

The Tri-State Sun Club in New Jersey is the only villa vacation "promoter" who offers this type of vacation to non-members. The Sun Club has a variety of dates (two or three) throughout the year to a couple of destinations, mostly Jamaica. Mike and Janet Gesner, the hosts, are seasoned professionals, an advantage most local groups offering villa vacations don't have.

But BE CAREFUL! Villa Vacationing can be habit forming!

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Attorney Y, or is it her secretary? You really can't tell, as they both have long hair (perhaps they are both nudists). The face is hidden in shadow, and away from the lens. I doubt that this photo would harm her law practice if printed in the hometown paper. Photo: Dave Gens of "The Body Shop"

group playing volleyball, for example, would not show anyone close enough to be recognizable. Likewise, a photo of a family at a distance, walking on a roadway in the woods, with their faces hidden by shadows of the trees. There are many other possibilities, you just have to do a little thinking before you make your exposure. What about the photograph that shows the full face? Some nudists have absolutely no objection to this, but before you get carried away, better read on to where we get to the **Don'ts,** or again we are in trouble.

For centuries, the nude human form has been accepted for it's magnificence. Artists, through the years, have held the nude human with great esteem. The ancient Greeks and Romans proudly displayed statues depicting the nude human semblance. The nude human conformation adorns many of the superb architectural works of art found in our nation's capitol. Art galleries are filled with reproductions of the nude human form; why then, cannot the average citizen on the street understand and appreciate this beauty and not associate it with pornography?

We as nudists have difficulty understanding this, but to those who remove their clothing only behind a LOCKED bathroom door and go to bed attired in pajamas, buttoned to the neck, obviously, the human body is a dirty thing. (My only answer to them is, try bathing together, it might put a new light on things. Sorry, I couldn't resist that one). The unfortunate individuals who feel that they must hide their bodies apparently have rarely seen another nude human form, and it must have been a quick, stolen peek, and they, in their minds, have sinned. They have been traveling the road of life completely on a guilt trip. If only they had culture, if only they could be exposed to real art, if they would think about their child being born (without clothing); if they, during the course of daily living only could see nude photographs that were not meant to be sex oriented. This is the key. The nude photograph. We should encourage photo displays at the local library featuring nude figure studies. The dilemma is that there just are not that many good serious amateur photographers around. We nudists can do something about this.

We here at "The Body Shop" have given a lot of thought to nude photography, as we have several members who are serious photographers, and we know that cameras make nudists very nervous. We have solved the problem by appointing a "Photographic Coordinator," whose only job is to explain to photo enthusiasts that **You Photograph No One Unless You Get Their Permission First,** and you do not intimidate them into giving their consent. It sounds simple, and it is, but it is a rule that cannot be broken at any time. Any violation of this rule would of course be immediate confiscation of all film and immediate expulsion from the grounds. As our "regulars," who are photo buffs prove themselves, so that we know, that they know what they are doing, we appoint them "Assistant Photographic Coordinators." With this method, eventually all photo buffs are taught discretion and become a small army of monitors to guide the casual snapshot taker. We have become a nudist camera club on our own grounds.

At the rear portion of our 118-acres, behind our airstrip, we have 20-acres of woods that is a photographer's paradise, with it's hollow trees and huge granite boulders, that are just asking to become a prop for the shutter-bug and the nude model. Within this beautiful wooded area, deer and smaller game romp, totally oblivious to their unclothed human companions, thus becoming a proper target for the cameraman's lens. To maintain this close relationship with the wildlife on our grounds, we do not allow hunting, nor do we allow dogs that would frighten our friendly game and defecate indiscriminately in places where humans would most likely step.

In the heart of our main building, we have a black and white photo lab that is second to none in Chautauqua County. Here again, we get another chance to teach proper Nudist Photographic Etiquette. The lab also provides a common meeting place for photo buffs to discuss and critique their work, which leads to the betterment of all concerned.

Nude photography is the cornerstone of all PR work. Without it, the nudist facility becomes a Nudist Colony, where strange things go on behind those fences. We must create the feeling in the mind of the non-nudist, that we are in step, and he is the one who is not. We must show through our actions and with the aid of photography, that we are very normal family people doing very normal family things, the way we should be doing them; as nature intended. Through photography, we must show them that we enjoy the things that they enjoy, and we do the things that they do, only we do it without the crutch of clothing, under which, insecure humans choose to hide. We must show them that we are intelligent beings who do not need to garb ourselves in textiles to achieve a fake position of status, as do the uncivilized tribes of aborigines, with heavily painted faces, purposely deformed lips and noses penetrated with bones. Perhaps then, they will understand that we are not a cult that is engaged in a wild sex orgy behind those fences, but are very normal human beings indeed.

Steps can be taken to influence the textile population to accept the nude body as the norm rather than as an abnormailty. To accomplish this, we must acclimate them with nude art studies. Your club, with it's name boldly displayed should sponsor art shows -- the works of the "Old Masters," in which the nude figure was held to be the apex, and along with this, photographic exhibits, by your members, featuring nude figures, male as well as female, engendering the feeling that nude is normal, not sexy. Many of these photos should depict the nude human doing every day things, as well as the "classic" posed nude figure study.

All of this sounds very easy, but I warn you it is not. Capturing the human form on film is not a simple task. The camera has a habit of catching the unclothed body in it's most awkward stance. It takes a lot of practice to be able to do meritorious nude photography. The only short cut is to attend classes, read whatever is available at your local library, and converse with those who have had experience in photographing the nude. Working with a professional model alleviates many of the pitfalls, as he or she will know where they are. The only way to afford the professional model is to band together (four or five photo buffs, who are serious) and collectively hire one. They will pose for the same fee, be it one, or six photographers. I know, this sounds expensive, but so is bowling, and you will get much more enjoyment and satisfaction and will accomplish something purposeful as a final result. Eventually, you will learn enough from the model to be able to utilize the modeling abilities of wife, daughter, son, or husband. As I warned before, it is not going to be easy; you are going to have to really work at it. You will find if you stick to it that it is definitely worthwhile and will be content that you completed your objective. A consultation with your local professional photographer might be very rewarding. By doing so, you may have inadvertently recruited a new member for your club, as many pros are interested in nude photography, but have no outdoor facility at their disposal.

Well written articles for your hometown paper concerning art and the Old Masters and their nude works, indicating that our culture Does behold the nude human figure could be a Bonanza for our cause (this is going to require a tremendous amount of research, unless you are already knowledgeable in this field. For this reason, I would suggest a team effort). A well written article should be signed by the individual along with his or her A.S.A. number and should boldly carry the club name and the name of the American Sunbathing Association. (Any article written, carrying the A.S.A. name, of course should be

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Dr. X, pitching horseshoes at "The Body Shop." If this were printed in the "Mayville Sentinel" Newspaper, I doubt that any of Dr. X's patients would really recognize him without his white coat and stethoscope, unless you called him doctor. Photo: Glen Miller of "The Body Shop"

THE EUROPEAN SCENE

Robbert Broekstra

THE NETHERLANDS

For the very first time in The Netherlands Naturist Tennis Took Place in the large sports hall in the town of Moordrecht, which is a couple of miles from the cheese city of Gouda.

Four people are planning to play tennis twice a month as the hall is quite costly to rent. After their hour of tennis they will dip into the only saltwater swimming pool in the province of South-Holland where naturist swimming takes place.

Only a couple of weeks ago the saltwater pool was being used by naturists for the first time.

This tennis hour and saltwater swimming is organized by the "Friends Of Nature" in conjunction with INIC (International Naturist Information Centre).

The news spread quickly and now more naturists in other parts of Holland want to play tennis as well. The cities of Arnhem and Nijmegen have been asked for permission. Time will tell.

"FRIENDS OF NATURE" UP-DATE

"The Friends of Nature" which only started some months ago has grown from 20 to 120 members. They make publicity whenever they can, whether on television, radio, or in the newspapers trying to drum up interest for their clubs activities which includes: swimming, sauna, badminton, tennis, bowling, skittle, some of its members have even asked for areobic dancing. The founder of this group Robbert Broekstra would also like to see Rhythmic Gymnastics, but time will tell if there is enough interest for some of these activities. There are 25 naturists signed up for the skittle evening in Gouda and the photo club has three models with them at a session in a garden centre.

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Perhaps that will give you an idea of what we are all about, we have a nudist club, the Paradise Mountain Nudist Park and we advertise openly, with Nudist Park on our automobiles. We joined the Rotary and we support all community projects and the community supports us. Non-nudists have come in to help build the club, offering their knowledge and strong backs when we have been in need.

The Nudist Information Center building is not leased or rented from Paradise Mountain it is an integral part of it, to promote our lifestyle as nudists and naturists. It takes long hard hours of work to hand build a nudist club and our first two story building at the entrance is a monument of our dedication here at Paradise Mountain. And, it is beautiful! It is a rich dark brown with beige trim, in keeping with its natural surroundings, because it is our aim to enhance the natural beauty here, not destroy it.

We have already put some of the plans for the new center into action by showing naturist films and handing out literature, during our Open House in May, and also National Nude Weekend, and more are being planned. We are displaying the American and Canadian flags along with Paradise Mountains and we hope to acquire an ASA flag. Anyone wishing to send their copies of BIM, or any other information, we would certainly like to include it in our hand out material. Clubs are encouraged to send their brochures, newsletters and who knows maybe one day we'll be able to add a computer to our office equipment. We do have an electric typwriter and a copier so with a little research we can usually send people on their way to any area in the world, that they wish to visit. As one newspaper reporter put it, 'If you want honest answers write to the Nudist Information Center, Box 15, Ironkettle Road, Maryland N.Y. 12116.

For instance if you want to start a travel club ask us! If you want to promote nudism in your area, send our address to your newspapers. In fact, why not send clippings of interest to your local papers, perhaps one day they'll use it as a filler, try it! And, next year, for National Nude Weekend, ask for the publicity flyers from the Naturists and ASA, they'll be glad to send you a copy. Send it off to your favorite newspaper!

"The Truth Will Set Us Free"

Gloria Marryatt

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PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A MAJOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PREFERENCE).

Perspective on the Findings

The previous multi-question polling was done by SRI in 1978 for the California Dept. of Parks & Recreation. SRI found 58.8% of Californians "agree strongly" or "somewhat" that California "should provide nude bathing areas." 4% had no opinion and 34.7% disagreed strongly or somewhat.

Roper Poll, in 1976 for New Times, asked the question: Have you "gone swimming nude or 'skinnydipping' with a mixed group?" 13% responded affirmatively - nearly the same as Gallup finds.

We're Nuder Than the French!

In Summer 1982 the Harris Poll, working for the Paris daily Le Matin, reported that 86% of French citizens said nudity should be allowed on the beaches. However, only 7% admitted to attending these beaches themselves. Who says the French are ahead of Americans in freedom from body embarrassment?

For Immediate Release. Contact Susan A. Weisbrod, The Gallup Oganization, Princeton, New Jersey

Most Americans Approve of Nude Recreation

Should people be free to enjoy nude sunbathing without interference by officials as long as they do so at beaches that have found acceptance for that purpose? Some 72% of Americans answer "Yes," according to a survey conducted by The Gallup Organization for The Naturist Society of Oshkosh, Wisconsin and released today.

The nationally representative study found higher approval among younger adults (ages 18-29) and the better-educated segment of the population (with at least some college) than among older adults (age 50 and over) or those with less than a high school education. Also, more men (80%) state approval than do women (65%).

Not only do most American adults accept nude sunbathing but 15% have themselves "skinnydipped" in a mixed group, according to the Gallup Poll. (In the American western region, 23% have done it). Only 5% of older adults have participated while 24% of the 18-29 age group have joined other men and women in nude bathing.

Significantly fewer adults (39%) out of the entire population sample say they believe the government should set aside public lands specifically for nude sunbathing. 54% are opposed, and 7% say they "don't know." The group most approving of nude sunbathing - the 18 to 29 year olds - is about evenly divided on the government set-asides.

The telephone interviewing of representative survey of 1,037 was conducted between May 13 and May 30, 1983. The margin of error is plus or minus four percentage points, the Gallup Organization said.

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cleared through A.S.A. before submitted to outside agency).

We must train photographers and writers at local clubs to produce eye appealing works of art, along with good backup and companion articles depicting the nude lifestyle. Note that I stated photographers and writers -- this means a team numbering at least six ambitious individuals. There is more to the nude lifestyle than lying in the sun. If we are to keep our rights and try for public acceptance, we must put in some effort. You will get out, what you put in. When photographing the nude, think Quality -- let "Playboy" and "Penthouse" do the sex stuff, it really is not our style. If we work at what I have been talking about, eventually, we will be able to have these "works of art" printed in our hometown newspaper with no embarrassment to anyone -- what a giant step forward for nudism.

Reflect on the fact that the physical fitness wave has overwhelmed the nation recently And Has Been Wholeheartedly Accepted In A Short Period Of Time. Our cause can also become accepted in a short period of time.

The reward for your efforts will be publication of your articles and photographs and the knowledge that you have exerted much effort in the acceptance of our cause.

If my ideas, given above, are received well by the nudist community, and there is sufficient interest in using nude photography to promote our nudist ideals, I would be willing to donate my time to hold a seminar here at "The Body Shop" during July or August.

It has just been brought to our attention that Four Seasons Nature Resort, Freelton, Ontario, has been doing just about what we have described above. Congratulations, Four Seasons Nature Resort, it is good that we are thinking along the same lines. Your photographers are invited to tour our photo lab.

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also charged men more for some workshops and seminars.

"Although some people may feel that no nudes is good nudes, I disagree," Crespi's attorney, Gloria Allred, said at a news conference.

"In this case, the courage of a nude male in exposing what he believes to be the bare facts about sex discrimination has resulted in the stripping away of a sexually discriminatory practice and we can now look forward to a future where equality is more than skin deep."

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ELYSIUM UPDATE

THE JOCKEYING CONTINUES

Jots
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A Legal Report

The fact that we have had wonderful times at Elysium during this beautiful Summer of 1986 must not lull us into forgetting our tedious and expensive legal situation which will probably heat up again very soon. We continue to be in an in-between situation where, on the one hand, the Board of Supervisors have issued an order to close Elysium while, on the other hand, a Superior Court Judge has issued a temporary injunction preventing the County from doing anything against Elysium until we have had our day in court.

Elysium has filed two related court cases in response to the Board of Supervisors. One case will clarify the easement situation on our access road so that we can widen it to twenty feet in accordance with fire department requests.

We were expecting this road case to go to trial last March. However, there have been months and months of negotiation to have both sides sign a document (a stipulation) about the facts that are agreed upon by both sides.

At the moment we are waiting for the opposing lawyer to respond to what seems to us to be a final formulation of this stipulation. Hopefully, this case may still be heard this Fall. We have full expectation of winning this case because of the many documents proving that the original developers of this area of Topanga planned for Robinson Road to be between twenty and forty feet in width.

Our second lawsuit asks the court to issue a permanent injunction against the County so that Elysium can stay open while the court considers the constitutional rights of Elysium's members and the discriminatory, selective manner in which the County had applied its zoning powers against Elysium. This case has not been heard yet because the County Counsel is still assembling the hundreds of documents that constitute the record in this case.

Up to now Elysium never has had a legal hearing or ruling on fundamental constitutional issues because we were legally required to "exhaust all our County remedies" before making an appeal to the higher courts of any adverse County decision. In plain English this means that up to now we had to go through legal preceedings in which County zoning regulations and procedures were accepted as the law even though they may be unconstitutional in fact.

Now that there has been a definitive County ruling against us after nineteen years of hearings and legal maneuvering (the longest and most expensive zoning case in County history) Elysium finally can go to court, challenge the legality of County regulations and present a full range of legal arguments in our defense.

These arguments include: 1) the right of Elysium's members to establish their own clothing optional dress code on secluded and private property; 2) our right to free assembly and expression of opinion on private property; 3) our right not to be harassed by County officials who for nineteen years have selectively changed various zoning regulations and otherwise discriminated against Elysium and its members.

One last point. In this new stage of the conflict we have the right to appeal any adverse court decisions (if there are any) all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Therefore, we see no difficulty in predicting that Elysium will stay open for some time to come. The only real problem is that the legal process necessary to ensure our survival is very expensive and time consuming. So let your friends know that Elysium remains open, is very optimistic about winning these legal battles, and welcomes their membership and support.

(We know that we are repeating explanations above that we have already made about the current legal situation in past issues of JOTS and newsletters distributed on the Fields. However, we ask those familiar with these issues to bear with this repetition since new and prospective members aren't familiar with our legal situation. Too often those who have heard only a piece of the story from the mass media have the false belief that Elysium either isn't open anymore or is on very shaky ground. This is what our enemies want to happen so that the support which has kept us going all these years will diminish. We can't let this happen!).

ELYSIUM TURNS THE OTHER CHEEK

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Editorial

The big news at Elysium is that, starting October 1, 1986, there can be no price differential between men and women on anything: membership, gate fees, one-day introductory vacations, seminars, anything!

For 19 years Elysium did maintain a differential in our membership and workshop prices, giving women lower rates because the average woman makes less than the average man on comparable jobs, and because we wanted to encourage more women to join.

In doing so we did not feel that we were discriminating against men. Inside our heart we felt, and still believe, that our policies were fair.

What we were doing, we believe, is no different than what the federal government and educational institutions are still doing in giving preferential treatment to Blacks, women and other minorities to make up for the many years of racial, color and sex discrimination in the United States.

And as a non-profit educational-recreational membership resort which depends for its activities on a balance between men and women, we felt it was entirely legal to give preferential treatment to women as an inducement to join.

However, in September of this year, a man who occasionally comes to Elysium's seminars filed a lawsuit charging that, under the state's Unruh Civil Rights Act, Elysium was discriminating against men. With noted feminist attorney Gloria Allred representing him, Alejandro Crespi, 56, a founder of a Pasadena organization devoted to male equality, said he filed the suit in Los Angeles Superior Court because he "got fed up having to pay more money than women taking the same workshop or seminar that I was."

In an informal poll taken of Elysium members, both men and women, no one agreed with Crespi. Everyone we spoke to felt that the price differential should be continued as is. Some added that ideally there should be equality of payment but that would be fair only when society treated men and women equally in other respects.

However, the reality is that Elysium can't afford to fight this one. We are already locked into a battle with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's over the very survival of Elysium. In this longest zoning case in County history, Elysium has expended in excess of $150,000 and the end is not in sight yet. We can only fight one battle at a time. So Elysium has made an out-of-court settlement with Crespi and Gloria Allred. We have agreed that as of October 1, 1986 we will abandon all price differentials between men and women, and pay Allred her expenses (but no damages; She and Crespi indicate by this that they are not hostile to Elysium).

There is good news and bad news connected with this. The bad news is that because we have more men as members than women, we can not simply average the price differential. We can not say that because annual membership for a woman was previously $125 and for a man it was previously $175, that now it will be $150. We just can't do that because Elysium's income would drop too drastically. There is no way of getting around the fact that because of Crespi's suit, the established rate for women is going to have to be raised more than we can lower the male rate to establish one equal rate for all.

On the other hand, the settlement recognizes that Elysium can grant scholarships and make adjustments to the price charged both men and women based on individual economic hardship as long as there is no reference to gender and the rules apply equally to both men and women.

The good news, then, is that any renewing member or new member, man or woman, who can not pay the new rate of $170 annually may apply to the Institute (in writing) for an individual adjustment. Since we can legally make such individual adjustments as long as we do not base our decisions on gender qualifications, we feel confident that we can satisfactorily work things out with any concerned person. So with this behind us, we can move forward to winning our battle with the County while we continue to enjoy our wonderful facility.

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CAMP TEACHES NAKED TRUTHS OF RELAXING

The Times-Picayne
Alison Jones staff writer

Campers who pitch their tents on the 48 tranquil, wooded acres at Indian Hills, just outside Slidell, have discovered a sure-fire way to beat the summer heat.

They don't wear clothes.

"Yeah, it's a lot cooler than walking around in jeans, or shorts, like I normally do," said Indian Hills owner Gottlieb Kogel, 69. "I even feel weighted down by a swimsuit."

Kogel and his wife, Doedy, 63, bought the land off U.S. 190, between Sildell and Lacombe, in 1971 and established the nudist camp.

People come from across southeast Louisiana and the Gulf Coast to camp at Indian Hills, usually on weekends. A few permanent residents live in mobile homes on the site.

Kogel is a lifelong nudist, and his wife is a "closet nudist," Kogel said, chuckling. "She's a little shy sometimes."

Most first-time visitors to Indian Hills get over their anxieties within about a half hour, though. After all, it can be rather uncomfortable if

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BOTH TOPLESS AND BOTTOMLESS, NO LESS

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By Gary Abramson
Special to The Tribune

MADRID -- A naked, muscular man, tanned nicely but for a rosy area where a bathing suit might have gone, was doing military-perfect pushups. No one paid any attention on the crowded lawn.

In the past, it was necessary to get out to the coast, along semideserted inlets far from the staid capital, to do this sort of thing. Even bare breasts, an ordinary sight among European sunbathers, were taboo in this city four years ago.

Madrid's city hall, however, is known these days as a promoter of things modern -- giving the people what the people want. And this summer, along with the usual city-sponsored celebrations and concerts, what they apparently wanted was a place to sunbathe in the nude.

Welcome to the Elipa solarium, Spain's first municipal nudist facility, set within the city's most popular pool and sports complex.

"We are pioneers. Madrid is always in the vanguard," said Gerardo Mediavilla, spokesman for the city's sports department, which oversees the nudist policy.

Were it not for "a certain reticence in our society," Mediavilla said, nude sunbathing would have made a more public debut -- with bathing suit requirements at the pools simply lifted.

But memories of the outcry four years ago when women were first allowed to go topless at city pools prompted a more discreet plan.

On a hill overlooking the swarming and splashing of the complex's three pools, an occasional soul mounts steep earthen steps and disappears into a thatch-walled rectangle.

Two nervous teenage couples reach the entrance, where a notice lets them know emphatically that the spot is reserved for those in "a state of complete nudity." They turn around.

On a new lawn scattered with freshly planted saplings, four middle-aged men are sitting around, chatting. "I've been practicing nudism at the beaches for 10 years," said an executive in tortoise-shell shades.

"This is nothing new for Spain," said another from under a light-blue golf cap. He conceded that not everyone was ready for this -- including his wife and children, who were down at the pool.

Suddenly, heads turned as a band of the young and curious made its noisy way a few steps into the solarium and then suddenly froze.

A couple who appeared to be around 30 got up and approached them. There is no shame, no scandal, so please be quiet and sit down, the husband, a schoolteacher, told them.

In the broiling Sunday sun, the sunbathers returned to their books and tanning, except for the man doing push-ups, who had switched to sit-ups.

The complete normality that has accompanied the solarium's opening should go far to dispel this country's traditionally staid image.

Nudism's Spanish practioners call it "naturism," a word suggesting that nakedness is not sexy but simply the most natural way to go. And much of Madrid seems to have accepted the attitude that it is really no big deal.

From the left to the right in politics and the press, the solarium has been noted sometimes with amusement but always with the tolerance that has become a hallmark of the pluralism that has flourished in Spain since the end of the Franco years.

Once the foreign television crews had their peek at the first 20 or so naked sunbathers in early August, numbers grew steadily to 100 to 150 sunbathers who regularly blanket the lawn.

The crowds were no surprise. Letter requests had been arriving for two years, asking the city to build a place for those whose means do not allow for frequent trips or a long vacation at the remote nude beaches, 250 miles away.

Madrid's nudists got almost all they asked for. Like the 5,000 members of the Spanish Naturism Federation, they can now pursue the complete tan near home.

But unlike the federation's members, most of whom live much nearer to the Mediterranean, they must go without one of the basic ingredients of a sunbather's day -- a swim.

Relief may be in sight, though, as the city considers the delicate matter of whether to allow nakedness outside the enclosed solarium. Already its success has led to plans to open solariums at more of the city's 30 sports complexes.

Meanwhile, the number of women at the solarium has dropped off. Now men are the clear majority, although perhaps a third of the sunbathers are couples who appear to be in their 30s.

"A lot of women came in the first week, but the young guys sat too close and stared," an older sunbather explained.

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you're the only fully-clothed person among 75 naked ones.

And it's easier for newcomers to shed their clothes when they realize that the nudist atmosphere is more relaxing than exciting.

"The first time I came out," said Gary, 34, "I thought, as typical society does, 'A nudist camp, there must be all kinds of orgies and things.'"

Gary discovered he was wrong. Campers may play volleyball and horseshoes, relax and soak up the sun by the pool, take a paddlewheel boat trip down the lagoon, hike, picnic, and barbecue.

"When you spend a weekend out here, it's like charging up your battery," Kogel said. "It's easier to go back to work on Monday morning when you're rested."

Kogel usually refers to Indian Hills as a park, a campsite, a club or a fraternity. About 150 members pay almost $200 annually to camp whenever they want. Others pay as they go.

The natural beauty of the area is similar to that of a park, and the casual, friendly atmosphere is indicative of a club.

People are known only by their first names at Indian Hills. When you're nude and no one knows what you do for a living, how much you earn or what kind of designer clothes you wear, you're judged on the real you, not on external factors, they say.

"You go to a party, and there's a guy with a $500 to $600 suit on, and everybody forms their own opinions about him without even talking to him," Gary said. "But you come out here, and everyone's equal. People are naturally less judgmental here than on the street."

Gary's 33-year-old wife, who didn't want her name used, said she initially had a hard time adjusting to being naked in front of strangers.

"I was very red-faced for about 10 or 15 minutes," she said, "but after that, I was OK. I think that most women are more shy than men. They're worried about their figure."

The couple visited Indian Hills for about two years before they told her 14-year-old son where they were going.

"We'd lie and say we were going to see some friends and we'd be back in a while," Gary said. "One night, she said, 'I think it's time we told him.' So we did, and he said, 'Volleyball? Swimming?' - He's a sports nut, and so he comes out with us now almost every time we come. He's not here this weekend because there are too many football games going on and he didn't want to miss them."

Children regularly accompany their parents at Indian Hills. They are natural nudists, Kogel said, and usually adjust easily. The sexual curiosity of adolescence is curbed when children are exposed to nudity, he said.

"My mother used to tell me she could never keep clothes on me," said Mark, 27, a New Orleans resident. "She could find me playing at a neighbor's house by following the trail of my clothes."

Mark comes to the camp about once a week, spending the night in a tent or tossing a sleeping bag under a tree if the weather's clear.

"I work very hard five days a week, and when I come out here I don't want to have to deal with the pressures of society," he said. "I want to be able to enjoy myself, and to lay back and prepare myself for what I have to do in the coming week."

In addition to rest and relaxation, Indian Hills vistors agree that there is another advantage to nudity.

As Gary said, "When you get up in the morning you never have to worry about what you're going to wear."

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Previously, all such cases were misdemeanors. The idea behind the option was simple: The police were going to start cracking down, and if each nude sunbather were given the due process afforded a misdemeanor arrest, the courts would grind to a halt.

Did it work?

Yes, the nude bathing ended. But, as with many things bureaucratic, it ended in spite of the ordinance change, not because of it.

"We never needed any laws to cite nude sunbathers in the first place; it was always against state park regulation," state Lifeguard Brit Horn said one recent sunny afternoon.

"We just never enforced it unless somebody complained. Now we do, and we don't have a problem."

On a recent Saturday, the only bare butt to be seen on the beach belonged to a 2-year-old boy. His father was rinsing the sand off the child's behind. And the boy was not naked. He was wearing a T-shirt.

The closest thing to bared breasts belonged to one young sunbather who'd discreetly unfastened the straps to her top. She wanted a tanned back, one without the telltale white strap marks.

Horn said all it took to clear the beach of nudity was a few warnings.

Once the word got around in the nudist community, the nude sunbathing ceased, Horn said.

According to the locals -- the people who populate the beaches on weekends as well as weekdays -- all's well that ends well.

Nearby residents thought the nudity was disgusting.

"It was an embarrassment," said Ruth Rosenwald, a resident of the nearby Malibu Bay Club. "I felt I couldn't even walk down there."

And many of the surfers were truly offended by the nakedness. For them it's been good riddance.

"It got pretty obnoxious, all those old, fat men," said surfer Dave Warner, 19, Thousand Oaks. "The surfers were always hassling them. It was verbal, nothing physical. But it was a drag seeing those fat, old naked guys hanging around."

Warner and his buddies could see only one bright spot in the nude-sunbathing situation. They like to bring new people down to surf "and see how long it would take before they noticed," he said. "We'd sort of take bets, to see how many minutes it would take before they realized it's a nude beach. Just see how long before they freak out, you know!"

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The best substitute for experience is a relative in the business.
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